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Passengers of a Northwest Airlines flight from Japan wait for their turn to be processed by U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers at the Saipan International Airport shortly after 1am on Saturday, marking the first time that federal officers took over immigration checks in the CNMI after 34 years of local border control. Inset shows CBP public affairs liaison Edward Low showing one of the immigration booths equipped with a camera, a passport reader and a fingerprint scanner.
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Limited re-entry options for alien workers in CNMI

CBP now conducts immigration checks at Saipan, Rota airports

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The U.S. Department of Homeland Security has yet to decide whether to come up with emergency regulations to allow foreign workers to travel in and out of the CNMI as a federal judge suggested last week, or to issue a new set of rules for the transitional worker program, even as DHS officially took over CNMI immigration at 12:01am on Saturday.

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Senate names new officers, committee chairpersons

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Besides incoming Senate President Paul A. Manglona (R-Rota), other officers and chairpersons of eight committees for the 17th Senate have been named.

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OAG, Labor: No 'umbrella permits' for overstayers

Kaipat says Labor not consulted on broad protection for overstayers

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The "umbrella permits" are not part of an amnesty program for overstayers and, as such, will not be issued to these out-of-status aliens, according to a joint statement issued Friday by the Office of the Attorney General and the Department of Labor.

The joint statement came shortly after acting Labor Secretary Cinta M. Kaipat expressed disappointment with Attorney General Edward Buckingham's decision to grant conditional "umbrella permits" to overstayers.

Kaipat and Buckingham explained that

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Census office hosts job fair

The recruiting effort to hire over 350 part-time workers that will be needed for the 2010 CNMI Census in April continues with a 2010 CNMI Census Job Fair on Saipan.

The Job Fair will take place over four days in several villages to ensure that residents have the opportunity to apply for the available positions.

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Local

CCA wins third place in Guam mock trial

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The CNMI's Calvary Christian Academy emerged third place in the recently concluded Asia-Pacific Invitational Mock Trial Competition in Guam that saw the participation of students from Korea and Guam schools.

Jeremiah Perez, Zelena Palijo, Hiromasa Kawahara, Rachel Masga, Reina Perez, and Francis Fidelino demonstrated outstanding performances in the contest held on Nov. 20-21.

Members of the mock trial team of the CNMI's Calvary Christian Academy pose for a souvenir picture after the competition in Guam last Nov. 21.
CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Saipan Tribune learned that the invitation for CCA to participate in the competition came late, giving the school team only 10 days to prepare.

This did not stop the team's determination and grit to give it their best shot and their efforts paid off with the third place trophy.

It was learned that while the CCA team did not do well in Friday's first round, they rebounded on Saturday, allowing them to beat their opponents in the semifinal round and garnering them the highest score of the day. This, coupled with Friday's scores, netted them the third place win.

Coached by Scott and Marilee Norman, the Calvary team did much better than anyone could have hoped for.

According to CCA, the Public School System's legal counsel, Kelly Butcher, also spent time working with the students.

"I am proud of this team! They far exceeded our expectations and did not allow the first round to dampen their spirits. They held their own and showed the determination that winners are made of," said Scott Norman, adding that schools from Korea and Guam along with Calvary Christian Academy participated in the mock trial tournament.

The competition's first place trophy went to JFK High School of Guam.

Ogumoro asks court to void order garnishing his salary

CNMI range master Ambrosio Ogumoro has asked the federal court to quash its order that directed the Department of Public Safety to take part of his salary for payment to the U.S. government.

Ogumoro, through counsel Douglas Cushnie, argued that the U.S. District Court for the NMI should void its garnishment order on the grounds that he was not served the order.

Ogumoro said he was also not served with a notice of his right to a hearing relating to the garnishment.

Cushnie said that federal law clearly requires proper notice and a right to be heard before one's property can be taken. The lawyer said the U.S. government has failed to comply with these requirements.

Cushnie said the court should quash the final order of garnishment and that Ogumoro be given a hearing.

In his declaration, Ogumoro said if he had received notice of his right to a hearing, he would have asked for one.

"I do not believe I owe the money being garnished and I believe the property is exempt," the range master said.

He said the income bearing garnished from the DPS amounts to $300.56 per pay period, which amounts to 25 percent of his net salary. Ogumoro said the amount being garnished from his military retirement pay is $244 per month.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Alex R. Munson on Nov. 5 granted the U.S. government's motion to issue a continuing garnishment against Ogumoro's income.

Munson noted that Ogumoro has not exercised his right to request a hearing.

The judge ordered DPS to pay to the U.S. government, through the Department of Justice, part of Ogumoro's salary.

The U.S. government says Ambrosio Ogumoro and his brother Aniceto Ogumoro owe it $3,854,365.16 as of July 10, 2009, due to an oil spill incident. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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November 18, 2009

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Dated this 18th day of November, 2009

Commonwealth Development Authority
/s/ Manuel A. Sablan
Executive Director

PSS and Guam counterparts tie up on technical education

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Public School System administrators were on a two-day trip in Guam over the weekend to share their knowledge with their counterparts in the neighboring island about the implementation of tecnical programs.

Hopwood Junior High School principal Jonas Barcinas, during Friday's event on Guam, said the focus of the conference was how to make PSS and Guam technical career programs more effective for island students.

Peter Leau, associate commissioner for Administrative Services, said that PSS' delegates were composed of all principals and vice principals in all junior and high schools on Saipan, Rota, and Tinian.

Officials from the University of Guam and Guam Community College made presentations about their career technical education programs and how these are being implemented in Guam's high schools and at postsecondary institutions.

"In the effort to structure our programs in the junior high school and high school on Saipan, it is imperative that we come together as a system to align our programs effectively, as we are embedded with the [American Recovery Reinvestment Act] funds and other federal funds," Barcinas told *Saipan Tribune*.

PSS has been allocated a substantial share of the stimulus funds to develop technical and vocational programs for students.

After the meeting with officials of Guam's postsecondary institutions, an agreement was signed that will allow PSS to send its students and staff to Guam for certifications in various fields.

"This is a great opportunity for both junior high and high school principals and vice principals to come together to work on structuring the programs to be offered consistently as a core subject area and electives," Barcinas said.

Through the programs available in Guam, students from the CNMI can be allowed to work in both private and government sectors.

Aside from career technical education programs, delegates also agreed to schedule an event where students of both islands could meet to discuss their career options.

"We wanted to show a short presentation about recruitment and introducing them to other opportunities with such professional organizations like PSS," Barcinas said.

He said the event provided an opportunity for open dialogue and network among the participants.

"This will give PSS the opportunity for open dialogue and network on how we can make our program work for our students who are interested in various programs offered in the junior and high schools and after, they can choose to come to Guam to complete a degree or certification of the career they want. Then they can return home and perhaps work in any of our local businesses or agencies," Barcinas said.

There are estimated over 5,000 students enrolled this school year in public junior and high schools on three islands.

Court frees arrested overstayer

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The Superior Court released on Friday a Filipino overstayer who was arrested last Wednesday as he was waiting in line to obtain an "umbrella permit" from the Department of Labor in San Antonio.

Associate Judge David A. Wiseman freed Danilo Rejano as he ordered the closure of the local court's 32-year immigration calendar and dismissed all pending immigration cases.

Rejano, 42, was directed to pay $300 cash for his outstanding bench warrant for not appearing in previous court hearing.

Rejano thanked the federal ombudsman for assisting him in the hearing and expressed appreciation to Pilipino Contract Workers Association Inc. board chair Ronnie Doca for helping contact the ombudsman's office and getting information from the Office of the Attorney General.

He said he was so embarrassed when a police officer, whom he believes was contacted by Immigration, handcuffed him as he was waiting in a long line of alien workers trying to obtain "umbrella permits."

The auto body repairer said he went to Labor because he learned that overstayers have been granted waivers and would be given "umbrella permits."

That day, Wednesday, Attorney General Edward T. Buckingham issued a public notice granting conditional "umbrella permits" to 628 aliens who have been classified overstayers. The notice was published in the newspapers the following day, Thursday. Rejano's name was on the list.

Rejano said he believes that he was singled out by Immigration because he used to have an Immediate Relative status for marrying a local resident.

He said an Immigration investigator spotted him at the long line of alien workers at Labor.

After his arrest, he was detained at the Department of Corrections and brought to court only last Friday, Rejano said.

He admitted that there was already a deportation order against him, but that he had been lying low while waiting for federalization.

Rejano said he has been in the CNMI since 1990 and that his parents and family members are already on Saipan.

United Workers Movement President Rabby Syed said they are very happy that Rejano is out and that Wiseman dismissed all deportation cases.

Syed said they want the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to consider people in Rejano's situation who have been in the CNMI for many years, those who have U.S. citizen children, and those with pending unpaid Labor awards.

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SENATE

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Sen. Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Tinian), the current floor leader, will be the new Senate vice president. He will also chair the Rules and Procedure Committee.

Current Senate President Pete P. Reyes (R-Saipan) will become the new floor leader when the 17th Legislature convenes in January. He will also chair the Federal Relations and Independent Agencies Committee.

Newcomer Sen.-elect Jovita Taimanao (Ind-Rota) will be the new Senate legislative secretary. Taimanao will also chair the Fiscal Affairs Committee, which is currently headed by Sen. Maria "Frica" Pangelinan (D-Saipan) who did not seek re-election.

The officers and committee chairs were named during a Nov. 17 meeting on Saipan.

Manglona said the incoming leadership will continue working with the members, the House of Representatives, the Fitial administration and the public.

"We will work together as we expect to meet a lot of tough challenges. The most important task is to pass a budget plan," Manglona said.

Also among the tasks ahead are addressing concerns involving the Department of Public Health, the Public School System, and the Department of Public Safety.

The Executive Appointments and Government Investigations Committee will be chaired by Sen.-elect Francisco Q. Cruz (R-Tinian). This committee is currently headed by Sen. Paterno S. Hocog (R-Rota).

The Resources, Economic Development and Programs Committee will be headed by Sen.-elect Ralph Torres (R-Saipan), currently a member of the House of Representatives.

"I am also willing to help whoever is the chair of the Health and Welfare Committee," Torres said in an interview at the Saipan International Airport early Saturday morning for the takeover of U.S. Customs and Border Protection of immigration operations at the airport. Torres is the current chair of the House Health, Education and Welfare Committee.

The Public Utilities, Transportation and Communications Committee will be chaired by Sen.-elect Juan M. Ayuyu (Ind-Rota).

Sen. Henry San Nicolas (Cov-Tinian) and Sen. Luis Crisostimo (D-Saipan) will still have to choose between two committees to chair: The committees on Health and Welfare Programs, or the Judiciary, Government and Law.

Last week, the Covenant Party held a caucus to name the officers and committee chairs of the 17th House of Representatives, led by former governor and Rep.-elect Froilan C. Tenorio (Cov-Saipan), who will be the new House speaker.

The next vice speaker will be Rep.-elect Felicidad T. Ogumuro (Cov-Saipan), while Rep.-elect George N. Camacho (Ind-Saipan) will be the next floor leader.

The new 20-member House will have nine Republicans, seven Covenants, and four independents.

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their joint statement would clarify the situation with respect to overstayers.

The two officials said the "umbrella permit" program implemented by Labor was never meant to be—and is not—an amnesty program.

Kaipat and Buckingham said overstayers were given the opportunity to legitimately return to the Department of Labor's guest worker program and their names were published in newspapers on more than one occasion, but they failed to rectify their status.

"They are excludable aliens on many counts. They do not meet the statutory requirements to be legitimately put back on the system," Kaipat and Buckingham said.

As a result, they said, these overstayers remain excludable today and Labor and the OAG agree that no further processing of applications from this group of overstayers is appropriate.

They said the list of overstayers will be forwarded to federal immigration.

"No further review will be conducted by the Office of the Attorney General," Kaipat and Buckingham said.

In a press release prior to the joint statement, Kaipat said Buckingham's decision to give broad protection to illegal overstayers was a complete surprise to Labor.

"The AG never discussed this plan with us and, so far as we know, he never discussed it with anyone on his interagency working group—not the Chamber of Commerce, the representatives of foreign workers, the Department of Commerce, Customs, or anyone else," Kaipat said.

She said the AG formerly had legitimate interests in prosecuting illegal aliens, but as of Nov. 28, 2009, Saturday, those duties were to be taken over by the federal agency Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

"The AG certainly could use these applications from overstayers for law enforcement purposes. And all these records could be turned over to the federal law enforcement authorities so that illegal aliens could be deported," Kaipat said.

She pointed out that there should be no general grant of permits to illegal aliens.

"We do not know what the Attorney General plans to do, but Labor will not grant any permission to work to any person that Labor has not approved for an umbrella permit," she said.

Kaipat said only Labor has the legislative authority to allow aliens to work in the Commonwealth.

Kaipat said that, by making an informal agreement with the Division of Immigration, which is not in writing, Labor has not delegated any of its authority to the AG.

Labor is simply cooperating with another Commonwealth agency, she added.

"We will no longer be certifying overstayers to the Attorney General," Kaipat said.

Buckingham on Thursday issued a public notice granting conditional "umbrella permits" to 628 aliens who have been classified as overstayers.

Labor started issuing "umbrella permits" on Oct. 26. Last Friday was the supposed to be the last day of issuing the permits. As of Friday at 8:30pm, Labor stopped entertaining less than 10 alien workers, mostly Chinese, who requested for "umbrella permits."

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In the interim, alien workers who need to exit and re-enter the CNMI will be dealt with by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services on a case-by-case basis, including those traveling for emergency reason, or an "advanced parole" for others.

Securing a CW-1 visa is not yet an option for re-entry, due to a court ruling preventing DHS from implementing its CNMI transitional worker program rule.

Takeover

At least 14 U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers took over the immigration booths at the Saipan International Airport to process the first flight to arrive in the CNMI under federal immigration law.

Among them was CBP officer James Collett, from Buffalo, New York.

"I've been with CBP since 2007 and this is my first time here on Saipan," he said, while preparing his immigration booth to process passengers.

Jeff Guerrero, a CBP officer from Guam, was also among those who manned the first shift at the Saipan airport under federal immigration control.

He's been with CBP for four years, and expects the processing on Saipan to be "a little bit different" from that in Guam where there are more passengers arriving at any given day.

Each immigration booth at the Saipan airport is equipped with a passport reader, a camera, and a fingerprint scanner, said Edward Low, public affairs liaison at the CBP-San Francisco office.

Low said there were 37 CBP officers and CBP managers on Saipan for the takeover, along with four others assigned to Rota on a temporary basis. CBP will be recruiting officers to be permanently assigned to the CNMI.

Jerry Aevermann, interim port director of CBP for the CNMI, and CBP port director for Hawaii Bruce Murley were also at the airport to oversee the federal operations.

First flight in

At 1:11am on Saturday, passengers of a Northwest Airlines flight from Japan began lining up in front of fully equipped immigration counters manned by CBP officers from all parts of the United States.

Tourists from Japan, which is included in the visa waiver program, are not required to have a U.S. visa to enter the CNMI.

At least one passenger from the Philippines with no U.S. travel or work visa had to be directed to a secondary immigration check. DHS or CBP officials declined to comment on the status of the passenger, including whether she will be allowed in or sent back to the Philippines.

DHS invited CNMI officials including U.S. Rep. Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (D-MP), Senate President Pete P. Reyes and other lawmakers, along with members of the media, inside the airport to witness the first passengers to be processed by CBP officers.

Also at the airport were Rep. Ralph Torres (R-Saipan), Rep. Tina Sablan (Ind-Saipan), Rep. Ray Tebuteb (R-Saipan), Rep. Diego Benavente (R-Saipan), Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Perry Tenorio, and MVA board member Marian Aldan-Pierce.

"This is very interesting. The operation looks fairly clean and smooth," said Tebuteb when asked for comment on his observation of CBP's takeover of immigration processing at the airport.

'Advanced parole'

Alexander Y. Hartman, immigration policy advisor at DHS' Office of Policy Development, said CBP officers have a number of options they can look at whether they can parole someone in on a case-by-case basis, including an advanced parole to travel, or a U.S. B1 or B2 visa.

Hartman said DHS has not made a decision yet whether to issue emergency regulations to allow foreign workers to exit and re-enter the CNMI as suggested by Judge Paul Friedman last week or come up with a new set of rules.

"Actually the judge gave a bit more latitude in his decision. He said the current rule can't go into effect and that DHS needs to find a way to go through the notice and comment process and issue a rule, and so one option is to do an emergency rule…We're still considering whether we want to go that route," Hartman told reporters in an interview at the Saipan airport while CBP officers were processing passengers of a Northwest Airline flight.

He said another option is to issue a new proposed rule and start the process from scratch.

"We haven't decided either way which option we'll do. In the intervening time, we will be looking at people's need to travel on a case-by-case basis," he said.

Nonresident workers who are in the CNMI now and who would have been eligible for a transitional worker visa are allowed under the Consolidated Natural Resources Act to stay on the island for the time their permit is valid or up to two years, whichever is shorter. As long as they're on island, they still have work authorization if their permit is valid under CNMI law.

Hartman said legitimate foreign workers who need DHS authorization to exit and re-enter the CNMI for emergency reason will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis.

For non-emergency travel, nonresident workers may apply for a so-called "advanced parole" with USCIS.

Advanced parole is different from the parole authority for Chinese and Russian tourists visiting the CNMI.

"Advanced parole is like advancing permission to travel. So you file an application with USCIS and they issue you a document that says you are authorized to leave and return, subject to inspection at the airport when you come back. Parole is when somebody arrives at the airport and that Customs and Border Protection officer makes a determination whether to allow them to come in even if they don't have a visa," Hartman said.

Those wanting to apply for advanced parole would need to schedule an appointment or go online to obtain and file an application with USCIS.

DHS, in a statement issued on Saturday, said immigration laws of the CNMI will be replaced by the Immigration and Nationality Act and other U.S. immigration laws effective Nov. 28 pursuant to a law signed by President Bush on May 8, 2008.

The definition of "United States" in the INA will simultaneously be amended to include the CNMI—providing new privileges and easing restrictions to CNMI residents wishing to live and work in the United States.

Transition period

Although U.S. immigration law applies to the CNMI beginning Nov. 28, the CNMI will undergo a transition period with temporary measures ending Dec. 31, 2014, to allow for an orderly transition and give individuals time to identify an appropriate visa classification under the INA.

Marie Thérèse Sebrechts, USCIS regional media manager, said the takeover on Saturday marked a major step in a series of DHS initiatives undertaken since the Consolidated Natural Resources Act's signing to address the legal and operational needs for a smooth transition.

Five important rules to facilitate the transition were published in the Federal Register in 2009 to address key changes under the CNRA, including a CNMI-Guam Visa Waiver Program interim rule on Jan. 16; an E-2 Nonimmigrant Status for Aliens in the CNMI with Long-Term Investor Status proposed rule on Sept. 14; a CNMI Transitional Worker Classification interim rule on Oct. 27; and an Application of Immigration Regulations to the CNMI "conforming amendments" interim rule, also on Oct. 27.

On March 10, USCIS also opened its Application Support Center at TSL Plaza on Saipan to provide biometric services—including fingerprint capture, photos and signatures—along with additional services, including naturalization and adjustment of status interviews, as well as opportunities for the public to obtain answers to immigration questions.

'Parole authority'

Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano, in recognizing that some unique situations would result as the CNMI transitions to U.S. immigration laws, announced the granting of parole to applicants for admission on a case-by-case basis for urgent humanitarian reasons or significant public benefit.

Parole authority will be used in two specific situations in the CNMI.

One is for eligible Chinese and Russian nationals visiting for business or pleasure will be eligible for CBP-administered parole into the CNMI on a case-by-case basis.

The second one is for certain impacted aliens—notably CNMI permanent residents and various categories of immediate relatives—will be eligible for USCIS-administered parole on a case-by-case basis.

Impact on Guam

The CNRA also contains two provisions that specifically impact Guam, including the elimination of the current Guam Visa Waiver Program and the creation of a new Guam-CNMI Visa Waiver Program, under which eligible nationals of program countries and geographic areas may be authorized to visit Guam and/or the CNMI for up to 45 days.

The second one is for the elimination of the statutory cap on the number of H nonimmigrant worker petitions that can be filed by employers in Guam and the CNMI.

The federal takeover on Saturday marked another chapter in the CNMI's 34-year relationship with the United States. The so-called federalization of local immigration took decades of political, social and economic wrangling between Washington, D.C. and the CNMI.

Local Census office sets job fairs on Saipan, Tinian, Rota

The recruiting effort to hire over 350 part-time workers that will be needed for the 2010 CNMI Census in April continues with a 2010 CNMI Census Job Fair on Saipan. The Job Fair will take place over four days in several villages to ensure that residents have the opportunity to apply for the available positions.

Positions include enumerators or the people who actually go into the villages to collect the forms and follow up, to supervisors who help manage the process. Other positions include crew leaders, crew leader assistants, clerks and interpreters. Full time and part time positions are available and number of hours worked is dependent on the individual's job duties.

According to Juan Borja, Local Census office manager, the job fair is an opportunity to complete a Census application and take the necessary test required of all census employees during one visit.

"It is important for us to recruit locally from the villages since it is helpful for Census employees to know where homes are located and to be familiar with the residents," Borja said. "We felt it would be helpful if applicants can fill out the application and be tested on the same day to avoid repeated trips to the Local Census Office."

Dates, times and locations to complete an application and be tested are as follows:

■ Saturday, Dec. 5, from 11am to 4pm, at the Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe

■ Monday, Dec. 7, from 5pm to 8pm, at Saipan Southern High School Cafeteria in Koblerville

■ Wednesday, Dec. 9, from 5pm to 8pm, at Cha Cha Oceanview Junior High School Cafeteria in Kagman

■ Thursday, Dec. 10, from 5pm to 8pm, at Tanapag Elementary School Cafeteria in Tanapag

Testing will take 30-45 minutes and will be offered every half hour for applicants with a completed application. Bring a picture ID in order to complete the testing on the day of the job fair.

FOR MORE INFO
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A police clearance is not needed to apply and will be completed prior to employment if selected, along with a mandatory drug screening. Both the police clearance and the drug screening costs will be reimbursed after hire. Other US Census employment requirements are as follows:

■ Must be at least 18 years old and a high school graduate or have a GED. Some people, however, may be hired at age 16 if they meet conditions of employment set by local laws and are high school graduates.

■ Be a U.S. citizen (However, if not a U.S. citizen, an applicant may be considered if qualified workers are still needed as translators or enumerators with special language skills)

■ Have a Social Security number before being appointed.

■ Must submit to the FBI fingerprint screening.

■ Pass a written test of basic skills

■ Have a valid driver's license (for most field jobs)

Applications can be picked up at the Local Census Office or at OPM and completed in advance of the job fair. Bring the completed application to the job fair.

All applicants who applied during the initial hiring process in September on Saipan will be automatically placed in the pool for future hiring and will not need to re-apply on the above dates. Each applicant should have received a letter with the special testing date, time and place this week. Applicants who have recently submitted an application will be contacted in the next few weeks for a testing date.

Rota will have a job fair on Dec. 15 – 16 and Tinian will have a job fair on Dec. 21-22 so that applicants can turn in an application and be tested at the same time. The job application can be found at OPM on each island. Applicants who have previously submitted applications will be tested during the job fair.

Employment duration varies from several weeks to several months, depending on the position. Some positions begin in early January but the majority will begin in mid-March.

Office hours are Monday to Friday, 8am – 5pm and the office is located on International Terminal Loop next to the Saipan International Airport. For more information, call the Local Census Office at 288-3027/23. ***(U.S. Census)***

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On Nov. 25, 2009, Julie Temaungil, second from left, Family Services Coordinator, and Cathy Tebit, center, Guest Workers Assistance Program Coordinator, received over 200 canned goods and assorted foodstuff from the Marianas High School JROTC Dolphin Battalion. The food drive is a U.S. Army tradition that helps the less fortunate within the community during the holiday season. The Dolphin Battalion has carried on this tradition since November 1997.

TO WELCOME THE HOLIDAY SEASON:

December attractions lined up for the Paseo

By MONETH G. DEPOSA
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REPORTER

Island residents and tourists will have a great time welcoming the holiday season as various attractions and activities are being lined up at the Paseo de Marianas starting this week.

Non-profit group PDM Promoters Inc., in collaboration with the First Lady's Vision Foundation, Women's Affairs Office, Office of the Governor, and other government agencies, will spearhead a number of initiatives that will add cheer to the place and attract visitors.

On Wednesday, the holiday campaign will begin with a contest to decorate the Paseo de Marianas using recycled materials. The competition will involve 15 schools on island; cash prizes await the winning school teams.

Participating schools include San Antonio Elementary School, Saipan Community School, Koblerville Elementary School, Dandan Elementary School, Saipan's Seventh-Day Adventist School, Tanapag Elementary School, Kagman Elementary School, San Vicente Elementary School, Ladera International School, Oleai Elementary School, Grace Christian Academy, Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School, William S. Reyes Elementary School, Joshua Generation International Academy, and Garapan Elementary School.

The Saipan *man'amko* will have special participation in the decoration contest, which will be judged according to the holiday theme, attractiveness, creativity and design, and durability of the display.

The best team will get a $5,000 cash prize while $3,000 awaits the second placer. Organizers will also award $2,000 to the third best team.

Five schools will get $1,000 each for fourth place while seven teams will be awarded $500 each for fifth place.

On Dec. 3, students from Rota and Tinian will get the chance to bag $50 each for the "Third Annual My Holiday Greetings to Our Visitors" drawing contest.

Second prize winners will get $30 each; $20 each for third placers; and all participating students will receive a small gift from the organizers.

PDM said that everyone is invited to make a wish and tie a ribbon to the jumbo Christmas tree.

A tree lighting ceremony is also scheduled on Thursday, Dec. 3, to be followed by programs and entertainment at the Garapan Street Market. Announcement of winners for the contests is scheduled on Dec. 17.

Also, a Japanese calligraphy exhibit would be on display at the Paseo from Dec. 20 to Jan. 7, 2010.

On Dec. 26, the Japanese Mochitsuki Festival will kick off from 6pm to 9pm. The event is in collaboration with the Japanese Society of the CNMI.

Organizers said this is their way to connect to the community and visitors and offer a safer venue for all.

"Let us bring Paseo de Marianas and Garapan back to being a family-oriented place that is safe and clean for our tourists and local community," PDM said.

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

Belated happy birthday Karl Peter! Hope your day was as wonderful as you are. I love you longer than forever and ever and ever! Greetings come from Nadia Rae.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed Amendment of the Official Saipan Zoning Maps (Rezones)

We ask your comments on proposed amendments (rezones) to the Official Saipan Zoning Maps, sheet 23 (As Terlaje – next to NMC) and sheet 26 (along As Perdido road) from Village Residential to Village Commercial.

A public hearing will be held:

Date: **Monday, November 30, 2009**
Time: **5:00 pm**
Place: **Zoning Office Conference Room, 2nd Floor, Joeten Building, DanDan**

The proposed map changes may be viewed at Zoning Office, 2nd Floor Joeten Building, DanDan. After the public hearing, the Zoning Board will make a decision on whether to approve any or all of the changes to the Official Zoning Maps. Comments on the proposals may be submitted orally or in writing at the public hearing. Written comments may be submitted directly to the Zoning Office and must be received at the Zoning Office by 4:00 pm, Tuesday, December 1, 2009. Send written comments via e-mail to staff@zoning.gov.mp, via US mail to Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950, or deliver them to the Zoning Office, 2nd floor, Joeten Building, DanDan, Saipan.

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the public hearing, or if you require assistance, please contact the Zoning Office at 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq.) and the Saipan Zoning Law of 2007.

/s/ Henry S. Hofschneider, Chair.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

John Gonzales LIVE schedule

■ Dec. 2, 2009 LIVE (Replays on Dec. 7 and Dec. 8), from 7pm to 8 pm. Topic: H1N1 Flu School Vaccination Campaign

■ Dec. 9, 2009 LIVE (Replays on Dec. 14 and 15), from 7pm to 8pm. Topic: Inspiration and Success from 2009 PSS Education Day Winners

Text 285-META (6382), call 287-4230, or e-mail johngonzales@pticom.com for your questions or comments. ***(PR)***

Motorists cautioned vs cyclists

PIC would like to notify to all motorists on the morning of Dec. 5 to be particularly cautious from 6:30am to 9:30am on the northbound lane of Isa Drive near San Vicente, Papago, Kagman and Capital Hill where the bikers will be riding in packs. There will be cones to indicate the bike lane as well as DPS officers and official media vehicles. If motorists can circumvent these portions of Isa Drive during the above times, it will prevent heavy traffic congestion and enhance safety for all. ***(PR)***

Korean language classes at NMC

The Korean Cultural Center's Korean Language School is providing free Korean language classes at the Northern Marianas College as a program of CDI from Nov. 27 to Dec. 18. The school also seeks comments and advice from the public for the next session. The new session will be a basic Korean language program. Don't hesitate and send your free opinion and answers to the following questions. (1) What time is the best time for you to join NMC's Korean language program? (2) What day do you think is good? (3) What content do you want to learn in Korean language? Contact Daniel Huh at 285-2221 or e-mail korean2221@gmail.com. ***(PR)***

NMC workshop on livestock healthcare and management postponed

The Northern Marianas College's Workshop on Alternative Herbal Medicine for Livestock Healthcare in the Western Pacific, which was scheduled for Nov. 24-25, 2009, has been postponed. A new date, time, and venue will be announced within the next few weeks. For more information, contact the Northern Marianas College Cooperative Research Extension and Education Service at 234-5498 ext. 1708. ***(NMC)***

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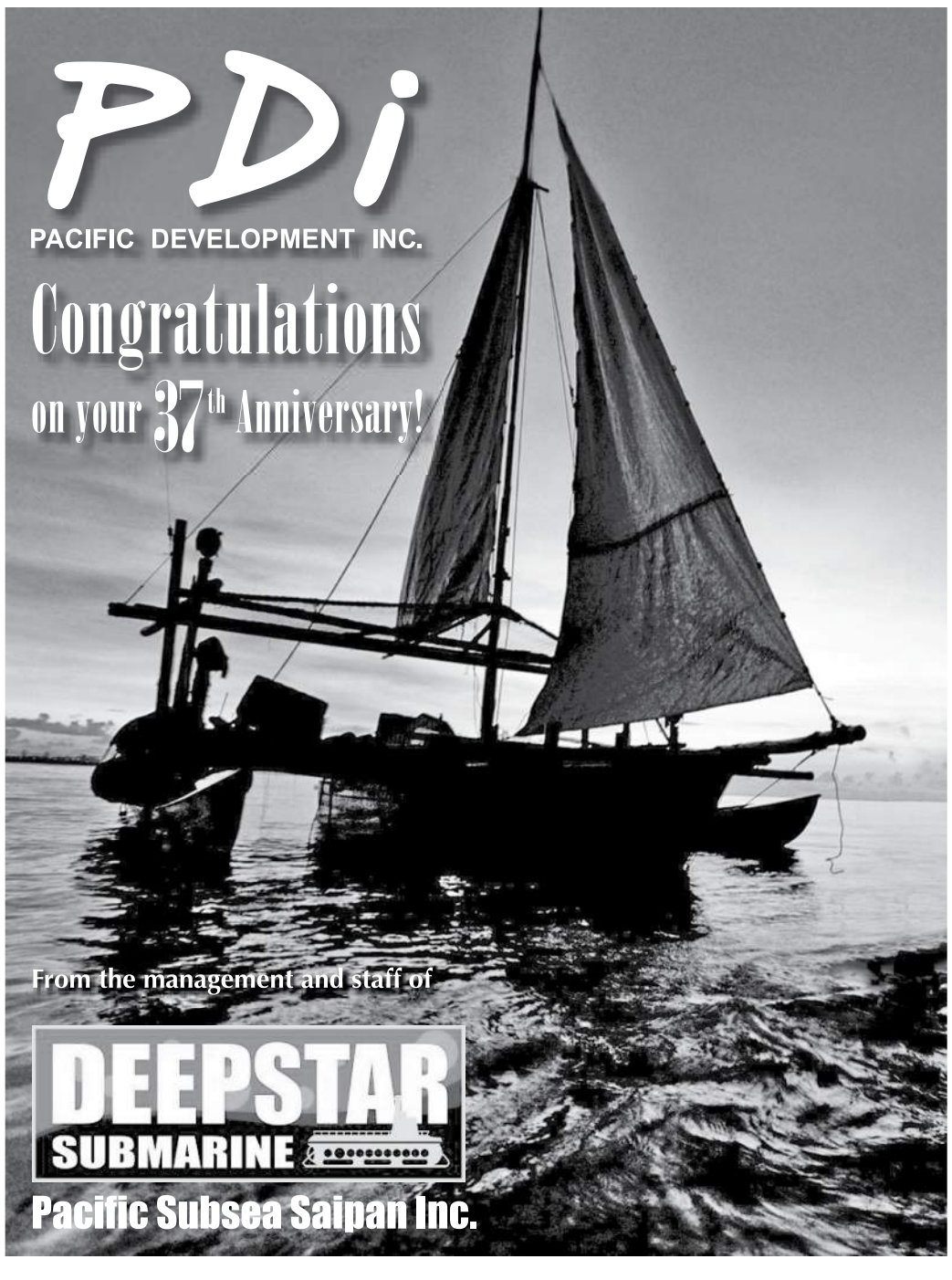

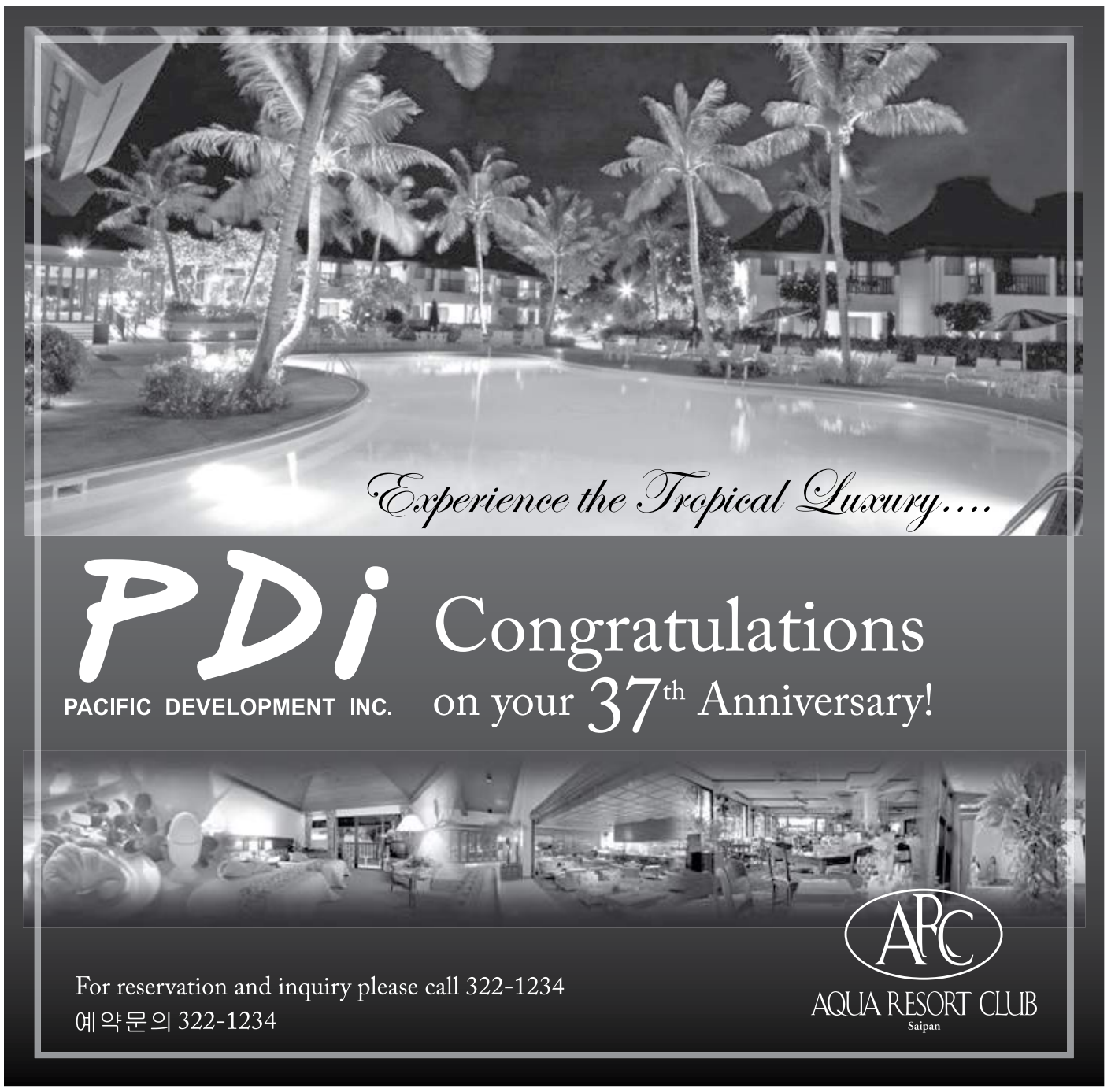

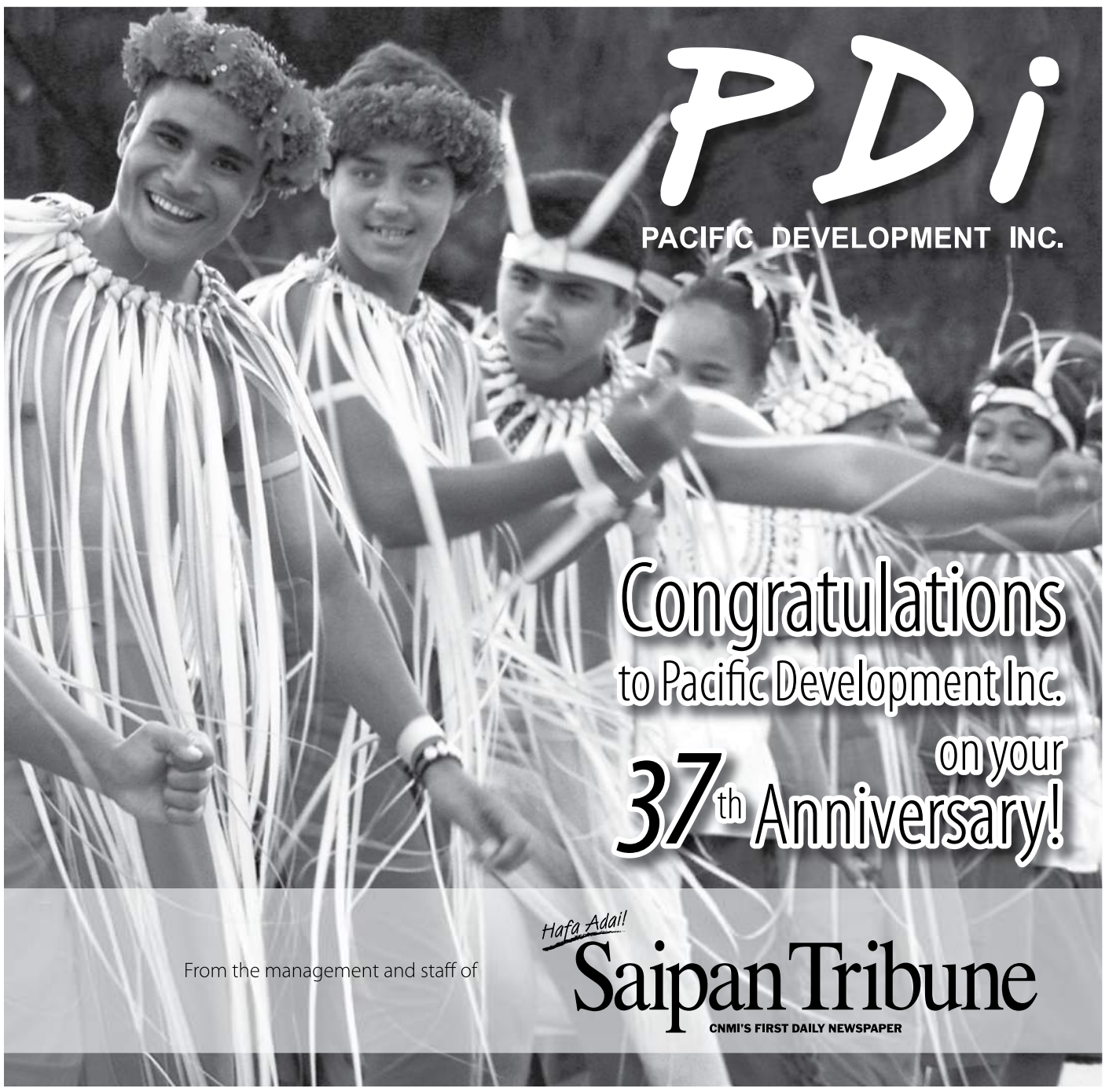

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

NOV. 30, 1998

Power rates 'too high'

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce yesterday urged the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. to examine closely its operation so that it can reduce the rate of electricity for the whole community. According to Joe Ayuyu, president of the Chamber, members of the business community believe that they are paying too much for their electricity rate in the Northern Marianas, far higher than neighboring Guam. "The cost of fuel has gone down several times in the world market but it is still very high here. We, in the business community have always believed that 16 cents per kilowatt hour is extremely expensive," said Ayuyu.

Businessman in string of labor charges turns himself in

A local businessman who is facing 162 counts of criminal charges for allegedly abusing contract workers turned himself in to authorities last Friday and was given a reduced bail of $100,000. Antonio Aldan Benavente, 43, flew in from Utah and gave himself up to the Department of Public Safety, according to Assistant Attorney General Aaron Williams. Williams filed a 162-count information against Benavente on Nov. 12 and sought a $3 million bail. Benavente—owner of Benavente Security Agency, Island Protection Service and PAC Asia Enterprises—was charged with 89 counts of failure to pay wages, 29 counts of failure to pay minimum wages, and 15 counts of illegal charging of fees for application and renewal.

NOV. 30, 1999

Ex-Tinian mayor, 3 others indicted

Former Tinian Mayor James Masga Mendiola and three others have been indicted by a grand jury for four counts of federal criminal violations in connection with cattle rustling on Tinian. Mr. Mendiola, 50, surrendered to the Federal Bureau of Investigation Nov. 19, 1999 and was arraigned in the U.S. District Court. He pled not guilty to charges of conspiracy to conceal and dispose stolen property. The former mayor and congressman of the island municipality, who is eyeing a political comeback in the Tinian special elections to be held next year following the resignation of Sen. Herman Manglona, was released on bail. Mr. Manglona, also a former mayor, quit the Senate post after pleading guilty to charges of bribe-taking, mail fraud and jury tampering.

Teno leads delegation to Japan tourism fair

Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio said yesterday he hopes to meet with various airline officials during his trip to Japan this week as part of the CNMI delegation to the country's biggest tourism and travel fair. His main mission, however, is to talk with travel agents in Tokyo to encourage Japanese tourists to visit the Northern Marianas. The market is the largest source of visitors to the island, making up about 80 percent of total arrivals last year. Dozens of high-ranking local officials and representatives of the tourism industry are attending this week's event organized by the Japan Association of Travel Agents or JATA. The fair, held once every two years, draws participation of various countries around the world as Japanese have the highest per capita in terms of overseas travels.

NOV. 30, 2000

Feds OK home loan for Saipan

The United States government is extending the implementation of another public housing program in the Northern Marianas to increase home ownership among moderate-income families on the island. The Northern Marianas Housing Corporation said making the Guaranteed Rural Housing (GRH) Loan Program available to CNMI residents would facilitate the growth of home owners in the Commonwealth. The program will be implemented here through the Rural Development of the U.S. Department of Agriculture under the Cranston-Gonzales National Affordable Housing Act, which was enacted on Nov. 29, 1990.

CUC to reassess Saipan's power demand

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp yesterday agreed to reconsider the initial plan on the controversial Saipan power plant, a move that has drew protests from bidders who feared that it would further push back the project. Board directors voted to expand the services of independent experts to include an evaluation on the current and future power supply needs on the island and a feasibility study on the proposed 80-megawatt plant. The government-owned utility firm will spend another $45,000 for the services on top of close to $100,000 paid to Burns & McDonnell when it undertook a nine-month re-evaluation of various offers submitted for the project.

NMC aquatic lab spurs another tilapia project

Another local businessman has joined the CNMI's aquatic farming landscape with the help of aquaculture officials at the Northern Marianas College.

James Matsumoto, a resident of Capital Hill, recently released over 800 juvenile pearl white tilapia into two tanks set up at his residence. Matsumoto now joins the 14 other aquatic farmers in the CNMI.

Matsumoto first developed an interest in the aquaculture industry when he toured the NMC Cooperative Research Extension and Education Service's wet lab at the college's As Terlaje campus earlier this year. He then contacted CREES aquaculture extension agent Michael Ogo, who outlined the proper preparations necessary for an efficient aquatic farm. Among Ogo's suggestions were the needed equipment and materials essential to the aeration, filtration, and water circulation of the tank.

Staff members from NMC CREES staff then visited Matsumoto's residence to determine an appropriate spot for his tanks, which consists of two four foot deep round swimming pools with a 15 foot diameter. Matsumoto purchased the pools on Guam and had them shipped to Saipan.

CRESS staff were also on site to monitor the installation of the tanks and the assembly and installation of the water quality management equipment.

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New aqua farmer James Matsumoto, third from left, poses in front of his tanks with his father, second from right, and NMC-CREES' (from right) aquaculture extension agent Michael Ogo and extension assistants Ray Dela Cruz and Bill Joseph.

"Mr. Matsumoto's project is another great example of how the College is helping residents explore new sources of nutrition and revenue and how the College is working hard to ensure that aquaculture becomes a major contributor to the economy," said NMC president Dr. Carmen Fernandez.

The college's Aquaculture & Fisheries Department continues to assist Matsumoto and its other aquaculture clients by providing technical assistance on feeds and feeding, water quality management, and production unit maintenance.

"I encourage other individuals in the community to take advantage of the expertise and the services provided by the college," said Fernandez.

NMC's Aquaculture & Fisheries Department is funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture National Institute of Food and Agriculture's (NIFA) Smith-Lever Act and Hatch Act Formula Funds. ***(NMC)***

USCIS' Gulick to speak to Chamber

David Gulick, the district director of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, will be speaking to the Saipan Chamber of Commerce during its general membership meeting this Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2009, at the Saipan World Resort's Royal Taga Ballroom.

USCIS is the DHS component agency responsible for the formulation of the regulations relating to the Commonwealth-only transitional worker program regulations.

"Mr. Gulick is a timely speaker, in light of the U.S. District Court's Nov. 25 issuance of a preliminary injunction barring the implementation of regulations in this regard," said Chamber executive director Kyle Calabrese.

The Chamber will also hear from Juan S. Borja, the local U.S. Census Bureau manager about the 2010 CNMI census as well as an upcoming Census Bureau job fair in the CNMI.

Wednesday's meeting occurs on the day of the Chamber's 2009 Student Career Exploration Day. A total of 115 students have been placed in private-sector businesses that will host one or more students for the day to orient and educate them about future career prospects.

Registration and lunch will begin at 11:30am, and the meeting will begin at noon. The meeting is $15 for members, $20 for guests of members, and $25 for the public. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

Fed immigration court opens on Saipan today

FALLS CHURCH, Va.—The Executive Office for Immigration Review will open the Saipan Immigration Court today, Nov. 30, 2009, at the Marina heights Business Park in Puerto Rico, Saipan.

The Saipan Immigration Court will conduct immigration court proceedings for respondents in the Northern Mariana Islands. The Saipan Immigration Court will be an administrative control court and will receive filings and establish appropriate dockets.

The address for the Saipan Immigration Court is:

Marina Heights II Building, Suite 301

Marina Heights Business Park

Saipan, MP 96950

It will be open for business Monday to Friday, from 8am to 4:30pm.

The Executive Office for Immigration Review is an agency within the Department of Justice.

Under delegated authority from the Attorney General, immigration judges and the Board of Immigration Appeals interpret and adjudicate immigration cases according to United States immigration laws. EOIR's immigration judges conduct administrative court proceedings in immigration courts located throughout the nation. They determine whether foreign-born individuals—who are charged by the Department of Homeland Security with violating immigration law—should be ordered removed from the United States or should be granted relief from removal and be permitted to remain in this country.

The Board of Immigration Appeals primarily reviews appeals of decisions by immigration judges. EOIR's Office of the Chief Administrative Hearing Officer adjudicates immigration-related employment cases. ***(PR)***

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Solitary disgrace

Many are kept in their cells for at least 23 hours a day with minimal contact with other people, including guards. Food is delivered through a slit in the door, and most are prohibited from attending classes or counseling sessions with other inmates.

They are not, by and large, the "worst of the worst"—mass murderers or psychopaths in the mold of Hannibal Lecter. They are, instead, men and women serving time for all manner of offenses, some of them relatively minor. But they have been deemed disciplinary problems—or potential disciplinary problems—by prison staffers. And so they find themselves locked up in what is commonly known as solitary confinement, sometimes for months, sometimes for years and sometimes with devastating consequences.

At one time shunned in the United States, solitary confinement is becoming a tool increasingly used by corrections officials trying desperately to keep order in grossly overcrowded and sometimes chaotic prisons. These decisions are made even though solitary confinement costs roughly twice as much as keeping an inmate in the general prison population. At any given time, experts estimate that 25,000 to 100,000 prisoners are kept in some sort of "special housing unit" where they are isolated and kept apart from the general prison population. The number changes frequently as new prisoners are sent in and others sent out of solitary. The federal "supermax" prison in Florence, Colo., home to al-Qaida operative Zacarias Moussaoui and "shoe bomber" Richard Reid, houses some 480 inmates in the federal version of solitary confinement.

A short stint in solitary for most does not result in serious or permanent harm. But more prolonged stays of months or years—a practice not uncommon in many states—can result in devastating psychological damage, including psychosis and debilitating depression. Studies have also shown that inmates kept in solitary confinement for prolonged periods display higher levels of hostility than those in the general prison population; they tend to carry this hostility with them after they are returned to the general prison population or released back into the community.

Craig Haney, a professor of psychology at the University of California at Santa Cruz, estimates that some 30 percent of prisoners in solitary confinement suffer from serious mental illness—at least some of it entirely induced by the isolation. Sometimes the only justification given for sending an inmate to solitary confinement is the desire to separate him from fellow gang members.

Placing an out-of-control inmate in solitary confinement for a short period may sometimes be necessary—for his own good and for that of other inmates. And special precautions must be taken to prevent convicted terrorists imprisoned in the same facility from orchestrating plots and communicating with cohorts on the outside.

But there is rarely any justification for holding what is essentially an average prisoner in solitary confinement for months, let alone years. Such a practice is cruel and counterproductive and should be abolished.

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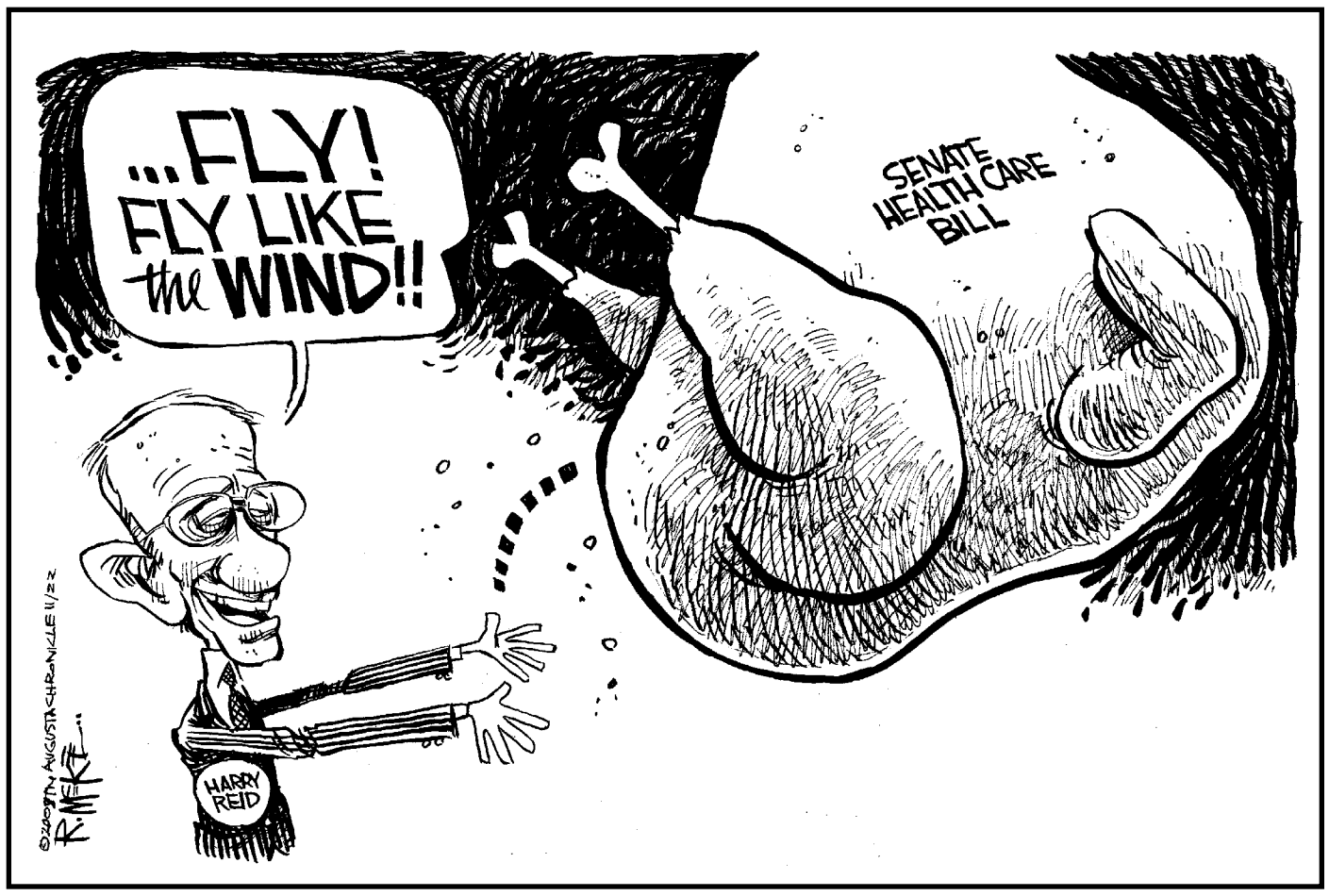

How is our financial literacy?

By ANTHONY PELLEGRINO
Special to the Saipan Tribune

Pellegrino is a longtime businessman in the CNMI and is the former president of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce.

MONEY—GIVE ME MORE MONEY! We desperately seek it. We pursue it arduously. We will do almost anything to get it. We will take great risks. We will gamble for it. We will even steal it. Always we need more and more money. Yet do we understand how it works? Do we make money work for us or do we work for money? Here is a short test to check our financial literacy. How many of the following questions or words that pertain to borrowing money do we understand?

1. Do we understand the finance charges when we apply for a loan?
2. Do we understand why a bank charges us interest when we borrow money?
3. Do we know what to ask the bank or lender what the various charges for making a loan are?
4. When we borrow money, do we know whether the lender is using a simple interest or block interest method to calculate our interest payments?
5. Can we explain the difference?
6. Which one is a higher and which one is a lower rate?
7. What does annual percentage rate (APR) mean?
8. If we pay back a 12-month installment loan in six months, will we receive back half the interest added to our loan?
9. What is a balloon payment on our loan?
10. What does collateral mean?
11. Is it financially safe to be a co-maker or co-signer on someone else's loan?
12. If you borrow $3,000 using a $10,000 certificate of deposit as collateral, will the entire $10,000 be tied up or do you still have money you can borrow on?
13. Which pays more interest: a savings account or a time deposit certificate?
14. Why?
15. What does a "declining balance" mean on a loan?
16. What does "compound interest" mean?
17. What is a fixed interest rate interest?
18. What is a variable interest rate?
19. What does "prime rate" mean?
20. What is a promissory note?

The above are only a few sample questions about money to test our financial literacy. Though we work so hard to earn money, most of don't know how to use it wisely by stretching it. As a result when we seek a loan, we fail to understand that we may be paying too much for the amount of money we borrow. We think nothing of paying 18 percent or up to 29 percent as some institutions on Saipan charge. But if we take the time to plan the use of it, we can save a lot of it. We must learn how to use it wisely.

Frequently we go to a bank or a finance company and borrow money without understanding how much the renting of money is costing us. We use credit cards, another form of borrowing, recklessly only to wake up one morning realizing that we are deeply in debt. Then we beg for overtime hours at work or seek an extra job in the hope of paying off the loans. But too often the hole is already too deep.

Many of us are intimidated by banks. We think that we are begging when we go in to ask for a loan. Then we feel so thankful when they give us a loan. What we don't realize is that a bank is like a grocery store. It sells money. If it cannot sell money in the form of loans it will go bankrupt as any other business does when it cannot sell its goods. We don't know how to talk to the bank and bargain for better lending rates. Therefore it is wise to understand how a bank works so that we can intelligently negotiate our borrowings as to terms and conditions.

A bank or any other lender checks our four "C's". One C stands for our character. Are we reliable people? A second C stands for creditability. Do we always repay our debts? A third C stands for collateral. Do we have any to support our loan? But the fourth C is the most important to a lender. This C stands for capability to repay the loan. The lender is most concerned how and from what source we can repay the loan. Usually, no job—no loan. No clear source of income—no loan.

Few of us have ever studied personal financing. Schools and colleges almost never teach students anything at all about the proper use of money. And worst of all, most of us don't care to learn how to handle money to maximize its utility. Then we whine that we never have enough of it. A sad fact also is that many of our lawmakers are also lacking in financial planning background when they pass laws affecting taxes and borrowing.

The heart of the matter is that because of this ignorance most of us suffer financially, never realizing why. We just never seem to have enough money. We take out mortgages running into hundreds of thousands of dollars and rarely question whether the interest rate is fixed or adjustable. We accept passively what the bank offers us. We borrow money to buy cars and rarely question the length of the loan and the interest charged. We just want the car and to heck with what it costs. Rarely do we plan for retirement; rarely do we question the difference in costs between life and term insurance and other financial situations we lock ourselves into.

We fail to realize that behind every social change there is an economic change. It's simply impossible to understand the modern world around us and its trends without understanding the key role that money plays in our lives and in our future. Isn't it time we begin to educate ourselves about money and its uses? A little knowledge

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Concluding unscientific postscript: Saipan's UMC

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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A valedictory piece was my way to end my opinion writing days in the *Saipan Tribune.* What originally was planned as a single piece will actually be six. Today's gets a downbeat on the island's symbolic life, followed by its economy and politics, then the public schools, a dash of up-close-and-personal, and finally, our broadsheet attempt at polylogue (more than dialogue) in the glocal village.

Apologies to Kierkegaard for the title. Those who have followed our musings will receive the same stream-of-consciousness style, different from the syllogism of an essay, or an article to inform, or an invitation to subscribe to a formulated point of view. Instead, our existentialist bent to share "what is true for me" will continue. The usual caveat applies: if interested, welcome; if not, move on and see you at the next bend!

Eleven years ago after Thanksgiving, I arrived on Saipan to administer the affairs of the Immanuel United Methodist Church at Koblerville. Started as the English language congregation of the Korea-related Immanuel Church on the invitation of Lee Myung Taek, Muksa-nim, it was later chartered into the connectional system of the California-Pacific UMC community. The founding pastor, Barbara Ripple, wife of ex-CDA head Jim Ripple, later assumed the superintending function of the churches in the Hawaii District (including Guam and Saipan), which led to my "recall" while hanging out with the workforce development folks of Honolulu's WorkHawaii.

The congregation's stated mission was formidable, but vocationally challenging and personally engaging: *"Gathered from all corners of the earth to worship God in the traditions of the Christian faith; we are sent out to serve those with unheard voices, including children, elders, guest workers, the homeless, those with addictive behaviors, those who hunger for knowledge of the Christian faith."*

Having served as a covenanted religious with the global staff of the experimental family Order:Ecumenical, patterned after the monastics, and sallied forth with contemporized communal vows of poverty, chastity and obedience (*Oikumene,* the household of God in Greek, demythologized to mean "the real world"), I was in mission at Immanuel.

Presbyterian-raised diabetic Gary Bradley, S.J., of the big heart, expansive mind, and celebrated Chuukish fame, became my first colleague on island. It was short-lived. He celebrated a dramatic and glorious exit while lifting up the holy Eucharist at Kristo Rai in mid-2000. He was a Jesuit, an Order that lost its traditional papal storm-troopers' standing in the Vatican after the Basque Pedro Arrupe led it out of the cobwebs of the Holy See. Trained as a medical doctor, he was in the suburb of Hiroshima when Tinian's Little Boy paid it a visit. Subsequently, he tied the religious faithfulness of the Order to works of mercy and justice, earning him and his Order the distance of the Vatican's Magisterium. The expansive SJs of Chardin and Kuhn were replaced by the secretive Opus Dei of Iberian Escriva, now popularized by Robert Brown's tale telling.

A group of Polynesian, Melanesian and Micronesians, along with Koreans, Japanese and Filipinos, with Caucasians from the U.S., Canada and Australia, serving contract workers from China, Bangladesh and Pea Eye, the Immanuel UMC congregation moved its altar to the lanai of its Marianas Resource Center in Oleai. The congregational pastor was the center's executive director. At the time, expats in the Commonwealth were in exodus, and the congregation's self-support base, like the island's economy, got precariously thin.

A church's ranking officer defined the choice: be a religious pastor or stay as a secular social worker, but not both. It was a false choice. Going through a difficult crisis of appropriate professional conduct and personal behavior at the time, it was easy to self-defrock and return one's ordination to the appropriate Episcopal hands.

This rehearsal of events is not to call attention to the United Methodist Church, nor, heaven forbid, be interpreted as a self-congratulatory epistle of this itinerant evangel. It is to illustrate a major collapse occurring in the shaping of our social matrix that mirrors the vitality of our communities. Or, expressed negatively, we point to the irrelevant religious luggage that we still carry whose symbol system has become an illusory and escapist portal to our contemporary existence.

Or, more bluntly, the refreshing air of Vatican II and the theological reawakening of the 20th century, echoed in our mainline seminaries and universities with their incredible wisdom and charters of compassion, seem to have been left inside the walls of academe. Or, put another way: our pastors and priests leave their brains behind when they move to their parishes! They get sucked in easily with laic territorial quarrels and petty squabbles, e.g., on the color of the choir robes, or, edifice complexes air-conditioning in the tropics, than with real life's questions, challenges and demands!

Common piety lives in the ancient three-tiered heaven-earth-hell cosmology of Ptolemy, get frenzied on Jesus idolatry, and lives off the body-soul dichotomy of ancient Greek-Roman-Egyptian physiology, long abandoned in our centers of learning. Our island Roman churches have forgotten their catholicity, a feature of their difference from Eastern orthodoxy; our Reformation forces are encrusted in theological debates, equating faith with assent to a set of beliefs. Some still wage the Inquisition, others are stuck in defending defunct papal authority; Luther's progeny are doctrinal stalwarts for scriptural inerrancy. All are marketed as fundamentals of the faith, and pox on the houses who do not subscribe to them! Thus, it is no surprise that we are stuck in the patriarchy of religion, in the machismo of politics, and the glass ceilings of corporate offices.

Truth begins as heresy, we are told. But reality overcomes. Pockets of self-conscious authentic Christian resurgence are occurring, albeit outside institutional confines. The force of cultural diversity is leading to the appropriation of spirit traditions outside the shadows of the cross and the silence of the empty tomb. Fr. Gary once exclaimed: "Ours is not an issue of being religious; ours is an invitation to be spiritual." Paul of Tarsus fought the strictures of Jewish moralism and the constricting arrogance of Greek thought in his time so that "humans may live in the spirit world in the midst of this world," and live it abundantly. Let us recover our spirit lives! Let us live!

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will go a long way in stretching our dollar. Let's stop throwing away our hard earned dollar. Let's take the time and put in a little effort to become financially literate. If we don't, the system will destroy us.

Here are three basic books to start us on the road to personal financial planning. Order them online such as from Amazon or other book dealers. One of the best and enjoyable to read is *Rich Dad Poor Dad: What the Rich People Teach Their Kids About Money That the Poor and Middle Class Do Not,* by Robert Kiyosaki. Another good book that explains personal financing in a simple but basic way is *Personal Financing for Dummies* by Eric Tyson. Don't let the title bother you. And a third book is *The Simplified Personal Budget Book: Personal Finance* in a paperback. There are hundreds of such books to choose from. But the main thing is to begin learning how to use money. Money should work for us, not we working for money. Begin now!

After getting a book on personal financing take out all the documents you have on loans. Review them. What are the terms and conditions? What is the interest rate? Check your mortgage documents. This is a good time to perhaps renegotiate a better rate and terms.

What plans do we have for our retirement? How much will we need to continue living the style we have now? Do we have any financial plans for sickness? Are we saving money to send our children to college? Don't we all wonder why we never have enough money? Why does it flow out faster than it comes in?

Money—money all the time. We will never have enough unless we learn how to make it work for us. We have to protect ourselves and our money. Begin now to learn how to make our hard earned money multiply through proper use. As someone once said: "A fool and his money are soon parted!" What more can I say? Don't work for money. Make money work for you! It's up to us! Do it now!

Makat Na Offisiun Kabayeru

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

Umalagnus teug na masahalum i dos kabayeru guine gi mapos na Lunes (runoff election). Tat achu ti mabira, lamasa ti ma-arumpua, lau gi uttimu suspirus unu ha` muna kettu i loka` na chubasku siha gi sagua: Si Gobietnu Benigno R. Fitial. Ha diñgu i kontrariu as Heinz Hofschneider 501 botu `nai todus kahun balotu man-matufuñg.

Polu ya baihu pega gi un` banda hafa na taiguine uttimoña este na eleksion. Seguruyu na megai kumomprende haf` na rason na matomba megai na suppottasion guatu gi gobietnu ke kontrariuña. Este na asuntu ti magpu guine na karera ya siempre i linahyan u fan makombida gi mafotman mas metgut na inetnon natibu.

Kayada esta i burukan politika. Maila ta konduse halum i tiempun haanen gupot siha. Maseha un` gai chinatsaga, i tafafana` pot satbasionta espirituat, inafamauleg yan pas gi entalu todus. Maseha hafa na fina estrakada, guaha para u iridau, kahaga`, manaopup `sino limpiu. Lau todus este patte gi huegon maseha hafa na kompitensia. Tafan adiseha de nuebu gi haanen gupot siha.

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Atileg Ñaihon Fasumu

Dispues de ritiradan bar, humanau tatte i dos amigu para i gima niha gi kase oran `las tres gi chatagmag. Lau debi u esgin halom simienteyu sa` mas hihot yan iya siha. `Nai mattu i dos gi talu, mahuñgog guaha man-a`acha fina padet. Umekakat guatu ya masoda un` bihu yan mattiyuña sige ha acha i sinset kotra i lapida. Mafainse hafa bidadaña. Ilegña i amku: "Esta trenta años deste ke mana` lache naanhu ayu mina mattuyu para bai`na` dinanche". Dalai este na chochu kontra un` animas!

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`Nai matai tres Chamorro ya man-malag i pettan i lañget, mansinañgane as San Pedro na guaha fina sensura (test) ya i pumasa siempre u manahalom. I sensura para umadiletra (spelling) i palabra ni para u fan ninane` as San Pedro.

I finenina mafaisen para u diletra Saipan. Ha gana i sensura ya makone halom gi pettan i lañget ni man-añghet. Mafaisen i segundu para u diletra Pohnpei. Ensegidas ha danche ya mana halom.

I mina tres mafaisen para u diletra "humuhumunakunakuapuapua". Un naan` guihan este giya Hawaii anakoña ke minedoñg i mismu guihan. Esta pagu i prohimu gaige gi papa troñkun mansanita ume`efaisen madiletran ayu na naan guihan. Ai de dios!

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Guaha un` sumen mauleg na madre. Diariamente ha bisisita i man-malañgu siha gi siuda. Un` dia hokog gas gi tanken karetaña. Animu mamokat para i gas station para u fañuli` gaselina. I solu galon ma-ayau ya ti manananalu. Ha birague tatte gi kareta para u fan espiha sahguan. Ayu sinedaña i sahguan memi yan taki.

Sin ditension, mamokat tatte ya ha saguan gi pan aplacha i gaselina. Humanau tatte gi karetaña ya ha chuda` halom i chinileña gas. Estaba dos protestanti gi otru bandan chalan manman-a`atan. Ilegña i unu: "Pare, kumu kalamten ayu na kareta, diberas bai` halom ensegidas katoliku". A `Saina!

Letter to the Editor

In good hands

I would like to thank the staff and management of the Saipan Tribune for your professional and un-biased publication of the views and concerns of the community in our struggle to ascertain that we elect the best team for governor /lieutenant governor. I had attempted to get my letters published by the *Marianas Variety* and was informed that they don't print letters endorsing a candidate, yet I read letters supporting the team of Heinz/Arnold. This to me is unfair and biased, especially since a staffer called and assured me my letter will be on the following day's edition.

Enough said, we must now come together and forge onward and make life more tolerable for our people. While it appears that we stand firm on staying the course with this administration, it is also clear that a new leadership in both houses of the Legislature might just brighten the light at the end of the tunnel. Both Sen. Paul Manglona and Representative-elect ex-governor Froilan Tenorio have an acute understanding of governmental operation and the federal bureaucracy as well as finance compatible to the team of Ben/Eloy. The CNMI should be in good hands.

Congratulations to those who are seated. To those who did not make it, please do not be bitter for, in stepping up to the plate, you are a winner too. Thank you for trying and God bless you all. God bless the CNMI.

Andy M. Ramos
Songsong, Rota

The Weather

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with scattered showers.	Mostly cloudy with scattered showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°	▲86° ▼77°	▲86° ▼76°	▲87° ▼76°

Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Mostly Sunny	▲85	▼77
Palau	Showers	▲87	▼78
Yap	Partly Sunny	▲87	▼77
Chuuk	Cloudy	▲88	▼78
Pohnpei	Showers	▲86	▼78
Kosrae	Showers	▲88	▼79
Majuro	Showers	▲87	▼78

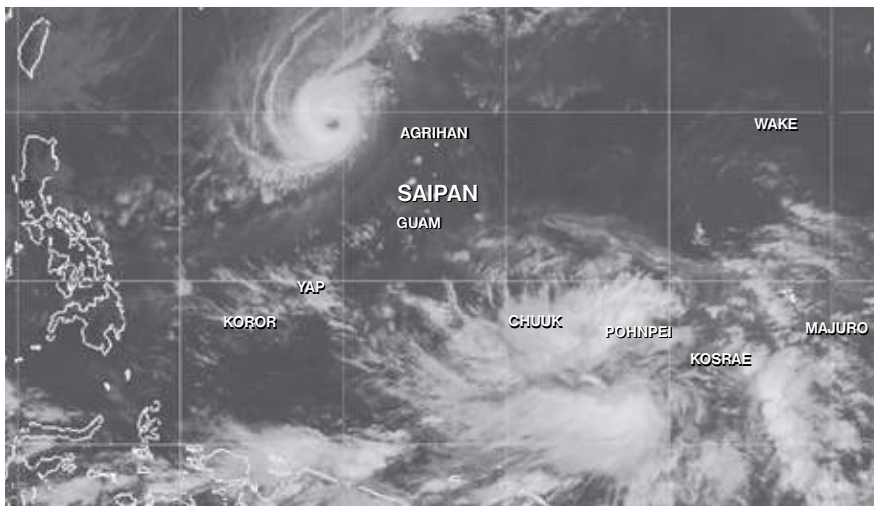
Around The Globe

Auckland	Rain	▲72	▼67
Beijing	Mostly Sunny	▲46	▼27
Hong Kong	Cloudy	▲77	▼68
Honolulu	Cloudy	▲79	▼71
London	Showers	▲43	▼39
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲72	▼48
Manila	Mostly Cloudy	▲84	▼73
Melbourne	Showers	▲67	▼55
Miami	Mostly Sunny	▲82	▼69
New York	Showers	▲52	▼37
Osaka	Showers	▲56	▼43
Paris	Rain	▲44	▼37
Pusan	Showers	▲53	▼34
Rome	Rain	▲62	▼47
Salem	Mostly Sunny	▲46	▼31
San Francisco	Sunny	▲62	▼46
Seoul	Cloudy	▲46	▼32
Tokyo	Showers	▲52	▼40
Washington, DC	Showers	▲53	▼37

Tides

Saipan Harbor		
6:41 AM Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
11:49 AM Today	Low Tide:	1.1 Feet
5:11 PM Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00AM, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2009
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Super Typhoon Nida (26W) is centered 535 miles northwest of Guam at 19N139E, and is nearly stationary with maximum sustained winds of 150 mph. Heavy rain and thunderstorms are within 150 miles of the center while scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are up to 500 miles farther out from the center in the west semicircle and up to 500 miles north of a line from 22N139E to 25N147E. For more Information on Super Typhoon Nida, see bulletins issued by the JTWC under WMO header WTPN31 PGTW, and advisories issued by the National Weather Service under WMO header WTPQ31 PGUM. A monsoon trough extends eastward from 8N130E to 10N145E then southeastward through a circulation developing southwest of Pohnpei near 3N158E, then eastward to end near 2N170E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms near Palau are within 50 miles of a line from 9N136E to 8N135E and just east of Yap within 50 miles of a line from 10N139E to 8N140E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms near Chuuk and Pohnpei are between the equator and 10N from 148E to160E and southeast of Kosrae within 150 miles of a line from 5N167E to EQ168E. Trade-wind convergence is producing scattered showers southeast of Majuro within 100 miles of a line from 5B174E to 3N180.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:26 AM	5:45 PM
Tuesday	6:27 AM	5:45 PM
Wednesday	6:28 AM	5:45 PM
Thursday	6:28 AM	5:45 PM
Friday	6:29 AM	5:45 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	3:46 PM	4:02 AM
Tuesday	4:38 PM	5:01 AM
Wednesday	5:35 PM	6:04 AM
Thursday	6:39 PM	7:08 AM
Friday	7:44 PM	8:11 AM

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF NOVEMBER 4, 2009

DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

C09597	11:30am	12:05pm	1, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM

C09597	12:40pm	1:10pm	1, 7

SAIPAN-GUAM

C09317	4:45am	5:35am	Daily
C09313	8:30am	9:20am	Daily
C09597	11:30am	1:10pm	1, 7 via ROP
C09601	12:20pm	1:10pm	4, 5
C09603	3:15pm	4:05pm	Daily
C09605	6:20pm	7:10pm	Daily
C09599	9:20pm	10:10pm	Daily

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

NW287	6:00am	8:40am	Daily
NW297	4:45pm	7:30pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:20am	6:50am	1, 5

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ604	2:10am	6:00am	1
OZ604	2:40am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ606	3:20pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

FM844	2:50am	5:40am	2, 6

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

CZ3008	3:30am	6:40am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA

OZ604/701	2:10am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ604/701	2:40am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ604/703	2:50am	11:25am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
C09603/933	3:15pm	9:40pm	Daily via GUM
C09599/PR111	9:20pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM

SAIPAN-HONG KONG

OZ604/721	2:10am	12:00pm	1 via ICN
OZ604/721	2:40am	12:00pm	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN

ARRIVALS

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

C09598	3:30am	4:05am	5, 6
C09312	1:20pm	1:55pm	6

GUAM-ROTA (ROP)

C09598	2:20am	2:50am	5, 6
C09312	12:10pm	12:40pm	6

GUAM-SAIPAN

C09598	2:20am	4:05am	5, 6 via ROP
C09316	2:20am	3:10am	1, 2, 3, 4, 7
C09596	7:00am	7:50am	Daily
C09600	10:05am	10:55am	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7
C09312	12:10pm	1:55pm	6 via ROP
C09602	1:50pm	2:40pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09604	4:50pm	5:40pm	Daily
C09606	8:00pm	8:50pm	Daily

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

NW298	10:05pm	2:50pm	Daily
NW288	8:45pm	1:20am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:00pm	2:20am+1	4, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ605	9:00am	2:20pm	4, 7
OZ603	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ603	8:10pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

FM843	7:15pm	1:50am+1	1, 5

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

CZ3007	7:30pm	2:40am+1	1, 5

MANILA-SAIPAN

OZ702/603	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/603	1:10pm	1:30am+1 via ICN	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
PR110/C09596	10:10pm	7:50am+1 via GUM	1, 3, 5, 6, 7
C0934/9596	11:10pm	7:50am+1	Daily via GUM
OZ704/605	11:55pm	2:20pm+1	2,4,6,7 via ICN

HONG KONG-SAIPAN

OZ724/605	12:30am	2:20pm	2,4,6,7 via ICN
OZ750/605	1:00am	2:20pm	2,4,6,7 via ICN
OZ722/603	1:30pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/603	1:30pm	1:30am+1 via ICN	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

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FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam-Rota			
FRE 100	7:00am	7:30am	Daily
Rota-Saipan			
FRE 100	7:50am	8:20am	Daily
Saipan-Rota			
FRE 200	9:00am	9:30am	Daily
Rota-Guam			
FRE 200	9:50am	10:15am	Daily
Guam-Rota			
FRE 300	4:00pm	4:30pm	Daily
Rota-Saipan			
FRE 300	4:50pm	5:25pm	Daily
Saipan-Rota			
FRE 400	6:00pm	6:30pm	Daily
Rota-Guam			
FRE 400	6:45pm	7:15pm	Daily
Saipan-Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45am	6:55am	Daily
FRE 103	7:30am	7:40am	Daily
FRE 105	8:00am	8:10am	Daily
FRE 107	8:40am	8:50am	Daily
FRE 109*	9:10am	9:20am	Daily
FRE 111*	10:45am	10:55am	Daily

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 113	11:40am	11:50am	Daily
FRE 115	1:00pm	1:10pm	Daily
FRE 117	2:30pm	2:40pm	Daily
FRE 119	4:00pm	4:10pm	Daily
FRE 121	4:40pm	4:50pm	Daily
FRE 123 *	5:40pm	5:50pm	Daily
FRE 125 *	6:00pm	6:10pm	Daily
Tinian-Saipan w/ connecting flights to Rota or Guam**			
FRE 102	7:05am	7:15am	Daily
FRE 104	7:50am	8:00am	Daily
FRE 106**	8:20am	8:30am	Daily
FRE 108**	9:00am	9:10am	Daily
FRE 110	10:00am	10:10am	Daily
FRE 112	11:05am	11:15am	Daily
FRE 114	12:00pm	12:10pm	Daily
FRE 116	1:30pm	1:40pm	Daily
FRE 118	2:50pm	3:00pm	Daily
FRE 120**	4:20pm	4:30pm	Daily
FRE 122**	5:00pm	5:10pm	Daily
FRE 124	6:05pm	6:15pm	Daily
FRE 126	6:20pm	6:30pm	Daily

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Business

Black Friday store spending edges up; online soars

CHICAGO (AP)—Shoppers who endured long lines and sometimes-frigid temperatures spent only slightly more during their Black Friday shopping sprees than they did last year, according to data released Saturday by a research firm.

At the same time, their pajama-clad counterparts, a much smaller group that accounted for only a fraction of overall sales, shopped online from the warmth of their homes and dramatically boosted their spending.

More than a year after the economy's collapse began rattling shoppers, industry observers said Friday's shopping sprees offered a strong start to the holiday season.

"We have struggled for a long time and one of the ways for the economy to get going again is for the consumer to begin to spend more freely," said Bill Martin, co-founder of research firm ShopperTrak, which released its sales figures Saturday. "And I think this is an indication they were willing to do that."

Preliminary sales data from Martin's organization, a Chicago research firm that tracks sales at more than 50,000 stores, showed shoppers spent $10.66 billion when they hit the malls on the day after Thanksgiving. That's only 0.5 percent more than last year when Black Friday sales rose a striking 3 percent.

The traditional shopping spree—dubbed Black Friday because it often was the day when a surge of shoppers helped stores break into "the black," or profitability, the full year—has marked the kickoff of holiday shopping for many consumers.

But its importance has faded in recent years as merchants started hawking the deep discounts usually reserved for that day well in advance.

For example, last year's Black Friday spending grew from $10.3 billion to about $10.6 billion. But the overall holiday spending fell 4.4 percent as shoppers slowed spending as the holiday season went on.

Apple's iPhone arrives in tech-savvy South Korea

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—Tech-savvy South Koreans began getting their coveted iPhones on Saturday amid fanfare and expectations the communication and entertainment device will shake up a local mobile market dominated by domestic giants Samsung and LG.

Hundreds of customers lined up to get their pre-ordered iPhones at an official launch event in Seoul, some waiting overnight. A 25-year-old university student was the first to get one, as music blared and strobe lights flashed.

"I'm so happy," said Huh Jin-seok, the first recipient, who waited in line more than 26 hours and admitted to being "a little bit tired."

A band played loud rockabilly music outside the venue near a clock that counted down the time until the launch. Those receiving their phones were among about 65,000 people who placed orders since Nov. 22.

South Korean mobile carrier KT Corp., Apple Inc.'s local partner, said about 850 people picked up iPhones at the event. Others were receiving them via delivery at their homes or offices.

"We're hoping that this iPhone will be a trigger point for the smartphone market in Korea," said Yang Hyun-mi, KT's chief strategy officer, who said smartphones make up just 1 percent of all cell phones in the country. Smartphones are advanced cell phones with computer-like capabilities.

Hotel owners, like home owners, behind on payments

MIAMI (AP)—Like many home owners, hotels are starting to drown in debt.

They have been enticing travelers all year with sweet deals: credits for in-house spas and restaurants, up to 50 percent off five-star rooms, even free nights.

But all that discounting hasn't stopped occupancy from dropping an average of 10 percent. The result? Hotel loans have begun falling into delinquency faster than any other kind of commercial real estate debt.

The rising defaults paint a grim picture for an industry with increasingly more rooms than guests, and more hotels still opening every day. It's a problem that could get worse before it gets better, with demand expected to remain weak and ambitious new projects planned before the meltdown worsening the room glut.

The oversupply means room rates should stay low for at least another year, good news for consumers but not so great for hotel owners and the banks that lent them the cash to build or buy.

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This Oct. 9, 2008 file photo shows a pool at the St. Regis Monarch Beach Resort in Dana Point, Calif.

The rise in delinquencies is sharp. Five times more hotel loans are behind on payments this year than in 2008, according to mortgage data firm Trepp LLC, which tracks those traded by investors. In October, 8.7 percent were distressed, compared with 1.5 percent last year.

That's almost double the 4.8 percent rate for commercial property and the 4.5 percent rate for stores.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

GM says production at Ohio plant to end Jan. 29

MANSFIELD, Ohio (AP)—General Motors Co. says production at a stamping plant in Ohio is expected to end Jan. 29. The Detroit-based company announced in May that it would shutter the Mansfield/Ontario Metal Center plant. Since then, about 600 workers have retired or taken buyouts and about 100 have accepted transfers to other GM facilities. The factory still has about 420 hourly and salaried staffers, and 130 temporary workers. GM spokesman Tom Mock said that after production ends, a few workers will be retained and shifted to operations and maintenance jobs until the plant's expected closure, by June 2010. The factory opened in 1955.

Dubai looks to oil-rich neighbor for possible aid

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP)—As world markets absorbed the shock of Dubai's debt crisis, the ruler of the once-booming city-state left town for an important meeting in a desert palace. His hosts: the leaders of neighboring Abu Dhabi whose balance sheets are flush with oil revenue. It's not known what promises were made inside the halls in Al Ain during the parade of visitors for an important Islamic feast day on Friday. But their new relationship is clear. Abu Dhabi has the cash and cache to be Dubai's white knight—in a Gulf version of a too-big-to-fail bailout or to help calm markets with promises to intervene if Dubai's fiscal mess deepens.

Bernanke makes case for strong Fed role on banks

NEW YORK (AP)—The chairman of the Federal Reserve is concerned that congressional efforts at financial reform could weaken the central bank's ability to handle future crises and may politicize monetary policy. Fed Chairman Ben S. Bernanke made the comments in an Op-Ed piece to appear in Sunday's Washington Post, five days before the Senate Banking committee holds a hearing on his nomination for a second term. His current four-year term expires Jan. 31. Bernanke wrote the nation is challenged to design a financial oversight system that will "embody the lessons of the past two years and provide a robust framework for preventing future crises and the economic damage they cause."

Administration plans new efforts on foreclosures

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Obama administration, battling a foreclosure crisis that shows no signs of relenting, will step up pressure on mortgage companies to do more to help people remain in their homes, officials said Saturday. The administration will announce its expanded program on Monday, Treasury spokeswoman Meg Reilly said. Industry officials said the new effort would include increased pressure on mortgage companies to accelerate loan modifications by highlighting firms that are lagging in that area. The Treasury is also expected to announce that it will wait until the loan modifications are permanent before paying cash incentives to mortgage companies that lower loan payments.

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SECOND NOTICE

UMBRELLA PERMITS
REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF OVERSTAYERS STATUS
NOVEMBER 26-27, 2009

Pursuant to the Attorney General's authority under Article III, Section 11 of the NMI Constitution, and 1 CMC SS 2151 *et seq.,* the Attorney General hereby grants conditional umbrella permits to each of the below –listed individuals.

The Attorney General also incorporates by reference Segment II of the Department of Labor Notice published on November 23, 2009. Scheduled dates and times for appointment with AGIU will be published at a later date.

Since individuals are classified as "overstayers" certain conditions apply. Should an individual not comply with each and every condition listed below, this conditional umbrella permit shall be null and void.

Each conditional umbrella permit is subject to renewal. **Renewals will be reviewed by members of the Attorney General's Investigative Unit (AGIU).** Renewal of each conditional umbrella permit depends on compliance with the following:

1. Permit Fee Payment. Depending on the length of time out of status (i.e. "overstayer") permit fees must be paid in accordance with the below-listed schedule. Past permit fees are to be paid in full by the date of the overstayer's appointment with the Attorney General Investigation Unit. The holder is to make payment at the Department of Finance and present a receipt to the reviewing investigator on the date of his or her appointment;

Number of Years Overstayed	Payment Schedule
0-5 Years	$375
5-10 Years	$750
10-15 Years	$1,125
Over 15 Years	$1,500

2. Police clearance obtained at the Commonwealth Superior Court;
3. Proof a valid passport or proof that a passport application and all requisite documents have been submitted to the country of origin;
4. Proof of employment approved and verified by the Commonwealth Department of Labor on or before February 25, 2010; and
5. Proof of any pending claims that may justify the overstaying period(s)

Each overstayer has been scheduled to appear at the Office of the Attorney General Investigation Unit in Susupe, Saipan on a specified date for each individual. At the scheduled interview, the overstayer must provide the above documentation for review and consideration by an investigating officer, who will determine, based on the documentation, whether to renew the umbrella permit.

Forfeiture of Conditional Umbrella Permit: Failure to provide the information listed above and / or failure to appear on the scheduled date / scheduled time and / or failure to comply with all other conditions associated with lawful status (e.g., Department of Labor regulations), shall result of forfeiture of the conditional umbrella permit.

If you have any questions regarding an appointment and/or the documents required to renew an umbrella permit, please contact AGIU Captain John Dela Cruz at 664-2314 or AGIU Major Edward Cabrera at 664-2320.

ISSUED THIS 25TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2009

BY: Edward T. Buckingham
Attorney General

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Sang ayon sa kapangyarihan ng Attorney General sa ilalim ng Artikulo III, Seksyon 11 ng Ko stitusyon ng NMI, at 1 CMC SS 2151 *et seq.,* at sa pamamagitan nito, ang Attorney General nagbibigay ng kondisyonal na umbrella permits sa mga indibidwal na nasa listahan.

Isinasama din ng Attorney General bilang reperensya ang Segment II ng paunawang i nalathala ng Department of Labor noong Nobyembre 23, 2009. Ang skedyul na araw at or ng appointment sa AGIU ay ipalalathala sa susunod na mga araw.

Dahil ang mga indibidwal ay naklasipikang "overstayers" may mga kondisyong susundin. Ku ang indibidwal ay hindi susunod sa lahat ng kondisyong nakalista, ang kondisyonal na umbre permit na ito ay mawawalan ng bisa.

Ang bawat kondisyonal na umbrella permit ay dapat sumailalim sa renewal. **Ang renewal susuriin ng mga miyembro ng Attorney General's Investigative Unit (AGIU).** Ang renewal bawat kondisyonal na umbrella permit ay magde-depende sa pagtalima sa mga sumusunod:

1. Pagbayad sa Permit Fee. Depende sa tagal ng pagkawala ng status (yun ay ang "oversta er"), ang permit fee ay dapat bayaran sang ayon sa nakasaad na talaan. Ang mga nakaraang perm fee ay dapat mabayaran ng buo ng overstayer sa araw ng appointment nya sa Attorney Genera Investigation Unit. Ang pagbabayad ay dapat gawin sa Department of Finance at ipakita ang res sa imbestigador na susuri sa araw ng iyong appointment;

Bilang ng Taon na nag Overstay	Bayad
0-5 Taon	$375
5-10 Taon	$750
10-15 Taon	$1,125
Over 15 Taon	$1,500

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307	Liu Ping		February 24, 2010
308	Liu Zhenggang		February 24, 2010
309	Locsin Edita N.	117335	February 24, 2010
310	Lontoc Estrella A.	145109	February 24, 2010
311	Lopena Annibelle G.	297903	February 25, 2010
312	Lopez Lilia C.	114769	February 25, 2010

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2. Police Clearance na makukuha sa Commonwealth Superior Court;
3. Balidong passport o katunayan na mayroong aplikasyon ng at ang lahat ng kailangang dokumento ay naisumite sa pinagmulang bansa;
4. Katunayan ng trabaho na inaprubahan at na-verify ng Commonwealth Department of Labor, bago o noong Pebrero 25, 2010; at
5. Katunayan ng anumang hindi pa tapos na claim na maaring magbigay katwiran sa mga panahon ng pag overstay.

Ang bawat overstayer ay naka iskedyul pumunta sa opisina ng Attorney General Investigation Unit sa Susupe, Saipan sa itinakdang araw sa bawat indibidwal. Sa araw ng interview, kailangang maipakita ng overstayer ang mga dokumentong nakalista sa taas para sa pagsusuri at konsiderasyon ng opisyal na nag iimbestiga, na siyang magdedetermina, base sa mga dokumento, na kung dapat i-renew ang umbrella permit.

Pagpapawalang bisa ng Kondisyonal na Umbrella Permit: Ang pagkabigong magbigay ng mga impormasyong nakalista sa taas, at/o pagkabigong makarating sa araw ng skedyul/oras ng skedyul at/o ang pagkabigong sumunod sa lahat ng iba pang kondisyon na may kaugnayan sa status na alinsunod sa batas (katulad ng mga regulasyon ng Department of Labor), ay magreresulta ng pagpapawalang bisa ng umbrella permit.

Kung mayroon kayong katanungan tungkol sa appointment at/o sa mga dokumentong kailangan para sa pag renew ng umbrella permit, maaring kontakin si AGIU Captain John Dela Cruz sa numerong 664-2314 o si AGIU Captain Edward Cabrera sa numerong 664-2320

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第二份公告

保护伞许可证
过期居留身份豁免申请

2009 年 11 月 26 - 27 日

根据北马里亚纳宪法第三条第十一款，以及 1 CMC § 2151 *et seq* 所赋予的权力，司法部长在此授予有条件性的保护伞许可证给以下名单所列的每一个人。

司法部也将接纳劳工部提交的于 2009 年 11 月 23 日登报公布的“第二部分名单”，与司法部调查组的预约日期和时间将会在迟些时候公布。

由于这些个人都属于“过期居留者”，受到一定的条件限制。如果谁无法满足以下任何一个或所有条件，他/她的有条件性的保护伞许可证将宣告无效作废。

每份有条件性的保护伞许可证都可以续期更换。**续期更换过程将由司法部调查组(AGIU)成员审核。**每一份有条件性的保护伞许可证的续期更换取决于是否满足以下条件：

（1）**许可证费用。**根据身份过期时间的长短（即过期居留时间），许可证的所付费用必须符合以下列出的时间付费表。旧的许可证费用要在与司法部调查组预约好的那一天前全额付清。许可证持有者应提前把费用交给财政部并在他/她的预约日把收据出示给审核调查员：

身份过期年份	付费标准
0-5年	375美金
5-10年	750美金
10-15年	1125美金
15年以上	1500美金

（2）**无犯罪记录（警察报告），**可在本地高等法院获得；
（3）**有效护照证明，**或者护照申请（续期更换补换）以及其他必需文件已经递交到原籍国（大使馆）的证明；
（4）**雇佣证明，**由本地劳工部在 2010 年 2 月 25 日或之前出具核实并批准的；以及
（5）**任何正在进行中的索赔/申诉/诉讼证明，**以便确定身份过期的持续时间。

每一个过期居留者都已经被预先安排好，在一个指定的日期，到塞班苏苏比的司法部调查组办公室去面谈。在预约日的面谈中，过期居留者必须提供以上的文件给调查员审核。调查员会根据所提供的文件考量是否批准许可证的续期更换。

有条件性保护伞许可证的没收剥夺：未能提供以上所列的任何信息并且/或者，未能在预约安排日期和时间准时出现或者，未能符合其他所有与合法身份有关的限制条件（例如劳工部的规章制度），将会导致有条件性的保护伞许可证被没收剥夺。

如果你对预约或者保护伞许可证续期更换所需的文件有任何问题的话，请打电话联系司法部调查组组长 **John Dela Cruz**（664-2314）或司法部调查组主管 **Edward Cabrera**（664-2320）。

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313	Lorenzo Ma Nieya	152988	February 25, 2010
314	Lorica Maria Teresita R.	202499	February 25, 2010
315	Lou Zhu Su	186226	February 25, 2010
316	Lu Changqing	173550	February 25, 2010
317	Lu Qing	172946	February 25, 2010
318	Lu Guolan	165369	February 25, 2010
319	Lu Wenwen	199238	February 25, 2010
320	Lu Zhen Qing		February 25, 2010
321	Lucero Benjamin C.		February 26, 2010
322	Lumauag Liza A.		February 26, 2010
323	Lumilan Virginia P.	118944	February 26, 2010
324	Luo Dewen	155054	February 26, 2010
325	Luo Wenhuan	250505	February 26, 2010
326	Luo Jinqun	358203	February 26, 2010
327	Ma Shujuan	155157	February 26, 2010
328	Ma Yunxin	292444	February 26, 2010
329	Macaraeg Elpidio A.	175310	February 26, 2010
330	Magno Nilo B.		February 26, 2010
331	Malaca Morida G.	149149	March 1, 2010
332	Malapitan Herminiano Jr. A.	110246	March 1, 2010
333	Malbarosa Ronnie P.	164797	March 1, 2010
334	Manalo Charmaine M.	195355	March 1, 2010
335	Mariano Winnie	286367	March 1, 2010
336	Marila Rodolfo E.	128767	March 1, 2010
337	Marquez Geraldine M.	281789	March 1, 2010
338	Matic Renato D.	109313	March 1, 2010
339	Matin Abdul	104103	March 1, 2010
340	Mei Shuhua	189898	March 1, 2010
341	Mei Hong Ye	184854	March 2, 2010
342	Meng Qing Li	100586	March 2, 2010
343	Meng Fu Shun	203016	March 2, 2010
344	Mesa Ma. Luz C.	126451	March 2, 2010
345	Miah Munnaf	135533	March 2, 2010
346	Mo Yun Mei	121543	March 2, 2010
347	Moncada Ponciano G.	173809	March 2, 2010
348	Mora Marieta	152406	March 2, 2010
349	Moral Edgardo N.	124547	March 2, 2010
350	Nabong Nida Vera	111261	March 2, 2010
351	Nabong Kathrina Ann	300085	March 3, 2010
352	Nan Changgen	286432	March 3, 2010
353	Nan Long	314313	March 3, 2010
354	Navarete Grace	204847	March 3, 2010
355	Navarro Manuel F.		March 3, 2010
356	Nawaz Ali		March 3, 2010
357	Nawaz Hassan		March 3, 2010
358	Nawaz Omar		March 3, 2010
359	Ni Wei Xin	121365	March 3, 2010
360	Nicolas Elvira		March 3, 2010
361	Noble Joefry	111305	March 4, 2010
362	Odon Olivia	134418	March 4, 2010
363	Ogarro Gil Y.	110660	March 4, 2010
364	Ombid Josefino T.		March 4, 2010
365	Orcine Roberto C.	150336	March 4, 2010
366	Ordiz Enrique N.	140691	March 4, 2010
367	Oringo Yolanda R.	297432	March 4, 2010
368	Ortizo Jessica	155989	March 4, 2010
369	Padua Gerardo G.	125607	March 4, 2010
370	Paguta Erlinda G.	142567	March 4, 2010
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372	Panaligan Edgardo P.	140056	March 5, 2010
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375	Pascual Hilario G.	121077	March 5, 2010
376	Pecson Glenda D.	160163	March 5, 2010
377	Pei Song He	295816	March 5, 2010
378	Penarubia Mary Jean A.	154581	March 5, 2010
379	Perez Anecia M.	142388	March 5, 2010
380	Perez Mary Joy	288946	March 5, 2010
381	Petta Yaddiehege Rohitha M.	141153	March 8, 2010
382	Piao Dongman	135291	March 8, 2010
383	Ponciano Fernando T.	110463	March 8, 2010
384	Prado Macario Jr. B.	124581	March 8, 2010
385	Prestoza Josefina N.	282063	March 8, 2010
386	Qi Mei	161262	March 8, 2010
387	Qi Shuihua	143113	March 8, 2010
388	Qian Guoqiang	163788	March 8, 2010
389	Qiu Fanghua	142158	March 8, 2010
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395	Rahman Mokhlesur MD.	164190	March 9, 2010
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411	Reyes Marissa S.	295620	March 11, 2010
412	Ricohermoso Wilfredo R.	173818	March 11, 2010
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414	Rinon Girtrudes	158113	March 11, 2010
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417	Sadiua Fabio II T.	292315	March 11, 2010
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419	Saluta Juliet M.	113053	March 11, 2010
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428	Serra Cristina N.	291120	March 12, 2010
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430	Shao Hong Li	163246	March 12, 2010
431	Shen Lianying	157293	March 15, 2010
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433	Shi De Sheng	296304	March 15, 2010
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626	Zhu Su Xia	202811	April 13, 2010
627	Zhu Zhaoxin	356449	April 13, 2010
628	Zita Reden N.	118391	April 13, 2010

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Saddam was telling truth in missing Gulf War pilot

WASHINGTON (AP)—Saddam Hussein was telling the truth, this time. The United States just didn't believe him.

So it took the most powerful military in the world 18 years to find the remains of the only U.S. Navy pilot shot down in an aerial battle in the 1991 Gulf War.

Michael "Scott" Speicher's bones lay 18 inches deep in Iraqi sand, more or less right where a group of Iraqis had led an American search team in 1995.

The search for Speicher was frustrated by two wars, mysteriously switched remains, Iraqi duplicity and a final tip from a young nomad in Anbar province.

U.S. officials often were blinded by the same myopia that tainted prewar intelligence—the American conviction that Hussein's government lied about everything. As it turned out, the Iraqis lied, but sometimes they told the truth.

For more than a decade, speculation swirled that the 33-year-old Speicher, a lieutenant commander when he went missing, had been captured alive. That was disproved by the team that found and confirmed his remains.

Speicher

"He wasn't captured or tortured," said Thomas Brown, chief of the Intelligence Community POW/MIA analytic cell at the Defense Intelligence Agency. Brown, who worked on Speicher's case for 15 years, described to The Associated Press in an exclusive interview how the threads leading to the pilot got so tangled.

Speicher was shot down by an Iraqi MiG 100 miles west of Baghdad on Jan. 17, 1991, the first day of the war to drive Saddam's invading forces from Kuwait. Then-Defense Secretary Dick Cheney announced the pilot's death as the first casualty of the war, but no search and rescue effort was launched.

When the war ended that March, the U.S. demanded the return of Speicher's remains. But because of a data glitch, the U.S. erroneously pinpointed his crash site south of Baghdad.

The Iraqis were puzzled. They knew an F-18 had been shot down west of the capital. But they followed the botched U.S. coordinates and searched for Speicher's plane in the south, finding nothing.

The search was soon complicated by the Iraqi discovery of a different crash site—of a downed Air Force A-10 fighter. The Iraqis brought the unidentified American A-10 pilot's remains to a Basrah hospital for safekeeping, labeling them "Mickel" for a clumsy translation of what might have been the pilot's belt buckle manufactured by McDonnell Douglas.

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Senate report: Bin Laden was 'within our grasp'

WASHINGTON (AP)—Osama bin Laden was unquestionably within reach of U.S. troops in the mountains of Tora Bora when American military leaders made the crucial and costly decision not to pursue the terrorist leader with massive force, a Senate report says.

The report asserts that the failure to kill or capture bin Laden at his most vulnerable in December 2001 has had lasting consequences beyond the fate of one man. Bin Laden's escape laid the foundation for today's reinvigorated Afghan insurgency and inflamed the internal strife now endangering Pakistan, it says.

Staff members for the Senate Foreign Relations Committee's Democratic majority prepared the report at the request of the chairman, Sen. John Kerry, as President Barack Obama prepares to boost U.S. troops in Afghanistan.

AP

In this April 1998 file photo, exiled al Qaida leader Osama bin Laden is seen in Afghanistan.

The Massachusetts senator and 2004 Democratic presidential candidate has long argued the Bush administration missed a chance to get the al-Qaida leader and top deputies when they were holed up in the forbidding mountainous area of eastern Afghanistan only three months after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

Although limited to a review of military operations eight years old, the report could also be read as a cautionary note for those resisting an increased troop presence there now.

More pointedly, it seeks to affix a measure of blame for the state of the war today on military leaders under former president George W. Bush, specifically Donald H. Rumsfeld as defense secretary and his top military commander, Tommy Franks.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Wis. police report 4 shot in Madison duplex

MADISON, Wis. (AP)—Four people, including two children, were wounded early Saturday at a duplex in what investigators described as domestic shootings. Madison police said they didn't know what prompted the shootings and were waiting Saturday afternoon to talk to the victims, who were still emerging from surgery. A 42-year-old woman, 38-year-old man, 7-year-old-boy and 8-year-old girl were taken to a local hospital with gunshot wounds, said Sgt. Phil Moore. They all lived together in the duplex, but Moore didn't elaborate on their relationships or identify them by name. One victim ran across the street and called police about 6:20 a.m. Saturday, Moore said.

Fla. police eye Mich. in holiday killings probe

JUPITER, Fla. (AP)—Investigators in Florida alerted Michigan authorities to be on the lookout Saturday for a man accused of shooting four relatives to death after a Thanksgiving dinner in South Florida. The suspect, Paul Michael Merhige, 35, sought a physician in the Detroit area in the past year, Jupiter Police Sgt. Scott Pascarella said, but he was unsure why he needed the doctor. Merhige is believed to be driving a royal blue 2007 Toyota Camry with a rear spoiler and Florida license plate. He is accused of killing including his pregnant sister and her twin sister, as well as his 6-year-old cousin and 79-year-old aunt. There had been "ongoing resentment" in the family, but investigators weren't sure what specifically prompted Thursday's shooting.

2 dead, 2 wounded when NJ dad shoots his family

PATERSON, N.J. (AP)—A man chased down and shot his wife and their two young sons in northern New Jersey on Saturday—killing one boy—before he was fatally shot by an off-duty police officer, police said. It was not immediately clear what sparked the gunfire, which occurred around 9 a.m. Paterson Police Lt. Ronald Humphrey declined to comment on a possible motive. Seven-year-old Adrian Gonzales was pronounced dead at the scene, while his 11-year-old brother, Edryn Gonzales, and their mother, Johanna, 31, were both hospitalized in critical condition. Humphrey would not disclose further details on their injuries. The gunman, Edelmiro Gonzales, 54, was also taken to the hospital, where he died a short time later.

La. interstate crash kills 5; critically hurts 10

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—A minivan packed with children blew a tire, clipped a delivery truck and rolled on a Louisiana interstate Saturday, killing five people and critically injuring another 10, state police said. Thirteen children riding without seatbelts were thrown from the van, including four of the dead who were found in the median of Interstate 10 near Baton Rouge, Louisiana State Police said. All those killed and injured were aboard the GMC Safari minivan, and some were related, police spokesman Russell Graham said. "I just saw the vehicle flip about three or four times and kids flying everywhere," witness Tammy Hall told WAFB-TV. "It looked to be about 10 to 11 kids out of the car. And everyone started stopping, and we went to get her, and you could tell the driver was dead instantly."

Domestic abuse cases proceed—even without victim

NEW YORK (AP)—Karla Giraldo's face required about 40 stitches after an incident with her boyfriend, a New York state senator. The wife of New York TV personality Dominic Carter had a swollen lip, cut ear, and bruised body after they argued over care for their child.

In both cases, the women testified in court that their partners were not guilty.

Giraldo said it was an accident after initially telling doctors her boyfriend did it on purpose, according to testimony. Carter's wife, Marilyn, said it wasn't her husband, as she claimed on a 911 call, but rather a day laborer who hit her.

Their stories are not uncommon. Experts say most victims usually recant after reporting their partners committed the abuse. As a result, the majority of domestic violence cases nationwide are prosecuted without the victim's consent or participation.

Victims, who are nearly all women, are not required to "press charges" against their alleged abusers. Law enforcement officials make the decision based on circumstance, but they face legal hurdles when the victim won't testify.

To deal with such an idiosyncratic crime, prosecutors have devised other ways to handle cases. As a result, so-called family justice centers are cropping up around the country, one-stop shopping for victims of domestic violence where they can find social, economic and legal support.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
DPW 10-RFP-001

RENOVATIONS TO THE WIC ADMISTRATION BUILDING N-25, SAIPAN

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, through Secretary of Public Works, are soliciting sealed proposals for the **Renovation to the WIC Administration Building N-25** on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Maraiana Islands.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2004. Article 7, "Local Preference", as amended by Public Law 15-95 and as further amended by Public Law 15-118, is available for this project. Proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with § 70-30 3-505 of the Procurement Regulations.

The Scope of Work will be available on or after November 20, 2009 at the DPW, Technical Services Division, Oleai Commercial Center, Saipan. A Non-refundable payment of One Hundred Dollars (US$100.00) is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the DPW Technical Services Division, Oleai Commercaial Center Office. Mandatory Pre-proposal Conference at the WIC Administration Building N-25, Navy Hill at 1:00 P.M. on December 09, 2009. Questions regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing to Mr. Joseph M. Inos Jr., Director, Technical Services Division, Oleai Commercail Center, Saipan, of faxed to (670)234-3547 no later than 4:30 p.m. local time December 16, 2009.

Proposers must submit with their proposal a Project Approach and Schedule of Completion, which details how the work will be accomplished by the consultants, given the time requirements and resources available as identified in their proposals.

Proposers shall also submit a separate statement of qualifications (resumes and experience). The total proposal submitted shall be no more than twenty five (25) pages in length. Note that a firm, which submits a proposal as a prime consultant, cannot submit as a subcontractor or another proposal. However, only subcontractors may be included in multiple proposals by different consultants.

Proposals will be evaluated and scored based on the following criteria:

1. **Qualifications and Experiences (50%).** Professional background and caliber of key staff and personnel and demonstrated technical capability. Current and recently completed projects that substantiate the firm's aptitude for project of similar size, scope, and requirements. The team must have post-secondary educational design experience either thru and employee, join venture or consultant.
2. **Organization and Capacity (35%).** Capacity of firm and proposed lead designers to fulfill Project requirements within the current workload, including the Project schedule.
3. **Response to RFB (15%).** Quality and completeness of response to the requirements of this **RFP.**

Proposals must be sealed and marked **"DPW10-RFP-001"**. For proposers within the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of sealed proposals must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 1:00 p.m. local time, December 21, 2009. Proposers located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a Notice of Intent to Propose. Notices of Intent to Propose must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 1:00 p.m. local time, December 21, 2009 and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of sealed proposals may be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country prior to, but not later than, December 21, 2009 and must be received no later than December 31, 2009 (CNMI Time). Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

Performance time for completion of this project is Ninety **(90)** calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages will be assessed at one hundred dollars **(US100.00)** per working days for delays beyond the established completion date.

Discussions shall be conducted with at least three (3) of the firms regarding the contract requirements and technical approach and selection made there from, in order of preference, of no less than three (3) firms determined to be the most highly qualified to perform the services required. Fee proposals are solicited; however, this information shall not be considered in the selection of the most highly qualified firms. It shall be used only determined fair and reasonable contract price to the Government. If a fair and reasonable price cannot be negotiated with highest ranking qualified firm, then selection may be made from additional firms in order of competence and qualifications and continue negotiations until a fair and reasonable price is agreed upon.

The successful proposers will be subject to a responsibility determination in compliance with Section 3-301 of the CNMI Procurement Regulations.

All responses to this RFP shall take into account all taxes that will be charged to the prosposer awarded a contract for this project, including excise tax.

The Government reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposals if, in its opinion to do so, would be in the best interest of the Government. All proposals shall become the property of the CNMI Government.

/s/ DIEGO B. SONGSONG
Secretary of Public Works

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director, Procurement & Supply

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
DPW 09-RFP-031

DESIGN OF COMMONWEALTH DRIVE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT, SAIPAN

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, through Secretary of Public Works, are soliciting sealed proposals for the **Design of Commonwealth Drive Drainage Improvement** on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Maraiana Islands.

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Proposals will be evaluated and scored based on the following criteria:

1. Qualifications and Background of the Frim – 20%;
2. Past experience of the Firm on design projects and successfully completions- 30%;
3. Project Approach – 30%
4. Capability and ability to perform the work and completed within the time frame- 20%

Proposals must be sealed and marked **"DPW09-RFP-031"**. For proposers within the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of sealed proposals must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 1:00 p.m. local time, December 21, 2009. Proposers located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a Notice of Intent to Propose. Notices of Intent to Propose must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 1:00 p.m. local time, December 21, 2009 and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of sealed proposals may be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country prior to, but not later than, December 21, 2009 (CNMI Time) and must be received no later than December 31, 2009 (CNMI Time). Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

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World

Russia: Bomb caused train crash that killed 26

UGLOVKA, Russia (AP)—A powerful homemade bomb sent a high-speed Moscow-to-St. Petersburg train careening off its tracks, Russian officials said Saturday, killing at least 26 people in what officials consider an act of terrorism.

The head of Russia's Federal Security Service, Alexander Bortnikov, said experts found pieces of an explosive device that detonated around 9:30 Friday night as the train raced over it, gouging a five-foot (1.5 meter) crater and strewing smoking wreckage over a rural stretch of track. He said a terrorism inquiry had been opened.

As many as 100 people were left injured by the disaster, officials said, and 18 remained missing Saturday night.

"Indeed, this was a terrorist attack," said Vladimir Markin, a spokesman for the investigative committee of Russia's General Prosecutor's Office, according to Interfax. Bortnikov said the bomb exploded with a force equivalent to 15 pounds (7 kilograms) of TNT.

The attack on the Nevsky Express, a luxury train popular with government officials, tourists and business executives, was Russia's deadliest terrorist strike outside the volatile North Caucasus region since 2004.

Among the dead were citizens of Belgium, Italy and Azerbaijan, Governor Valentina Matvienko of St. Petersburg told the state-run RIA Novosti news agency.

The force of the derailment scattered battered carriages over a remote stretch of track, trapping some of the injured for hours. By first light Saturday, luggage and pieces of metal lay in the muddy embankment in the drizzle, as survivors huddled under blankets by fires.

A second explosive device partially detonated at the crash site later Saturday as railway workers tried to clear the debris, said Russian Railways chief Vladimir Yakunin.

10,000 E. African albinos in hiding after killings

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP)—The mistaken belief that albino body parts have magical powers has driven thousands of Africa's albinos into hiding, fearful of losing their lives and limbs to unscrupulous dealers who can make up to $75,000 selling a complete dismembered set.

Mary Owido, who lacks pigment that gives color to skin, eyes and hair, says she is only comfortable when at work or at home with her husband and children.

"Wherever I go people start talking about me, saying that my legs and hands can fetch a fortune in Tanzania," said Owido, 36, a mother of six. "This kind of talk scares me. I am afraid of going out alone."

Since 2007, 44 albinos have been killed in Tanzania and 14 others have been slain in Burundi, sparking widespread fear among albinos in East Africa.

At least 10,000 have been displaced or gone into hiding since the killings began, according to a report released this week by the International Federation for the Red Cross and Crescent societies.

East Africa's latest albino murder happened in Tanzania's Mwanza region in late October, when albino hunters beheaded 10-year-old Gasper Elikana and chopped off his leg, the report said. The killing left Elikana's father, who tried to defend his son, seriously injured.

'PANDIPLOMACY' AP

In this photo released by Adelaide Zoo, 4-year-old male giant panda Wang Wang is seen in the quarantine section of a 25-acre natural enclosure at the Adelaide Zoo in Adelaide, Australia, Saturday, Nov. 28, 2009. The two giant pandas from China were welcomed to Australia on Saturday with gifts of bamboo and a city party before settling into their new home. Wang Wang and 3-year-old female Fu Ni are on loan to the zoo for 10 years as part of a joint research program, and their arrival comes amid slightly strained relations between China and Australia.

Death toll in Bangladesh ferry capsize rises to 40

DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP)—Rescuers searched inside the submerged cabins of a triple-deck ferry Sunday for scores of people believed to be missing after it capsized near a dock in southern Bangladesh, killing at least 40, authorities said.

The M.V. Coco, traveling from the capital Dhaka, was packed with hundreds of travelers heading home for an Islamic festival when it went down late Friday as it arrived at Nazirhat town in the coastal district of Bhola, 64 miles (104 kilometers) to the south.

Rescuers recovered three more bodies from the partially submerged boat Sunday, raising the death toll to 40, police official Mohammad Bayezid said.

Some survivors said the boat hit a river shoal as it approached the terminal, breaking the hull and allowing water in. As passengers scrambled to disembark, the vessel then tipped and partially sank in the Tetulia River.

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NOTICE ON BOND CLAIMS
2009 ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING OFFICE AWARDS AND SETTLEMENTS

November 30, 2009, first notice
December 1, 2009, second notice

COMPLAINANTS WHOSE ADMINISTRATIVE AWARDS HAVE NOT BEEN PAID:

Any complainant who was awarded money damages in an administrative order or settlement in **2009** in a labor case or a consolidated agency case who has not been paid in full on that claim should register with the Labor Department. Please come to the Complaint Intake Section, **Monday through Thursday, 9 am to 11:30 am,** and fill out a declaration affirming that payment has not been made. Please bring a copy of the administrative order in your case and your work permit card. A complainant who has not been paid has **until December 30, 2009** to report to the Complaint Intake Section.

After your claim is filed, the Department will determine if it is covered by a bond. Not all awards in labor cases or consolidated agency cases are covered by bonds. Some awards are only partially covered because the terms of most labor bonds are limited to three months' wages and a set amount for medical expenses or repatriation tickets. The terms of labor bonds assume that foreign workers will file their claims promptly and will not let wage claims of more than three months accumulate. Some awards are not covered by a labor bond at all because the employment was illegal and the employer never supplied a bond. However, all unpaid settlements or awards from the Hearing Office should be registered, and the Department will process all registered claims.

All claims with respect to unpaid wages and settlements **from 2008 and prior years** are now being heard and will be completed by the end of the year. When the Labor Department has exhausted its administrative remedies with respect to a claim, if any amount is still owing the claim is forwarded to the Attorney General's office for action in the courts if practicable. The notice from the Labor Department referring a claim to the Attorney General is posted on the Department's website, www.marianaslabor.com.

If you have questions about registering a bond claim, please call Renita Camacho, who is in charge of the Complaint Intake Office, at: 236-0958/7/6.

WORLD BRIEFS

Iranian lawmaker: Iran could leave nuclear treaty

TEHRAN, Iran (AP)—A conservative Iranian legislator warned Saturday that his country may pull out of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty after a U.N. resolution censuring Tehran—a move that could seriously undermine world attempts to prevent Iran from developing atomic weapons. Iran's official news agency quoted a hardline political analyst who made the same point, another indication the idea could be gaining steam. If Iran withdraws from the treaty, its nuclear program would no longer be subject to oversight by the U.N. nuclear agency. That in turn would be a significant blow to efforts to ensure that no enriched uranium is diverted from use as fuel to warhead development.

12 inmates escape prison in western Afghanistan

KABUL (AP)—A dozen prisoners escaped jail through a tunnel they dug from their cell to the outside in western Afghanistan, police said Saturday. Afghan police arrested three men for the shooting death of an Afghan Red Crescent official in northern Afghanistan. The shooting Friday was an apparent attempt to settle a long-standing dispute. In the prison escape, the inmates included low-level Taliban militants, drug-dealers and other minor criminals, said Farah province police chief Gen. Mohammad Faqir Askar.

Flooding traps 16 in northern China coal mine

BEIJING (AP)—Flooding trapped 16 coal miners in northeastern China on Saturday, while the death toll from a gas blast at another mine rose to 10. China's mining industry is the world's deadliest, with most accidents blamed on poor safety as enterprises scramble to feed the country's insatiable demand for coal. The flooding occurred Friday afternoon after a cave-in at the mine in Meikou city in Jilin province, a provincial work safety official said. Workers were trying to rescue the trapped miners. Reports first said 17 miners were trapped, but the official Xinhua News Agency said one miner was later found at home.

US man wanted for ecoterror sentenced in China

BEIJING (AP)—An American man wanted for ecoterrorism attacks in the western United States has been sentenced to three years in a Chinese prison for making illegal drugs. Justin Franchi Solondz, 30, was given the sentence Friday, said an official at the intermediate court in Dali city, in southwestern China's Yunnan province, who gave his family name as Zhao. It was unclear what drugs Solondz was accused of producing. His father, Paul Solondz, told The Associated Press that his son pleaded guilty last month. Paul Solondz said his son was arrested in China during a drug sweep in March, and authorities later found 33 lbs of marijuana leaves buried in the courtyard of a home he rented.

3 Americans die in cargo plane crash in China

SHANGHAI (AP)—A Zimbabwe-registered cargo plane crashed in flames during takeoff from Shanghai's main airport Saturday, killing three American crew members and injuring four others on board. The accident closed two runways at the Pudong airport in China's largest city for several hours. More than 30 international flights were delayed, leaving about 4,000 travelers stranded on planes or in airport lounges, the official Xinhua News Agency said. The MD-11 cargo plane, operated by Zimbabwe-based Avient Aviation, was heading to Bishkek, the capital of Kyrgyzstan, Xinhua said. Avient's chief operating officer, Simon Clarke, refused to say what cargo it was carrying.

Pakistani president turns over nuclear authority

ISLAMABAD (AP)—Pakistan's president relinquished command of its nuclear arsenal to the prime minister, a political ally, and signaled he was ready to shed more power as he faces growing pressure to resign. The move came as an amnesty protecting President Asif Ali Zardari and thousands of others from graft charges expired Saturday, risking political turmoil that could distract the U.S.-allied nation from its fight against the Taliban and other militants near the Afghan border. The political opposition called on Zardari to step down.

Health & Fitness

Research: Giving thanks brings health, happiness

By MATT SEDENSKY
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

ST. PETERSBURG, Florida (AP)—Bill Golden survived more than 20 years in the Army and another 30 in law enforcement. He fell sick with colon cancer, and at 86, he has an artificial hip and arthritis in his knees.

Golden still gives thanks, though, and researchers say that appreciative attitude can be good for you, too.

Academics have long theorized that expressions of thanks promote health and happiness and give optimism and energy to the downtrodden. Now, the study of gratitude has become a surprisingly burgeoning field, and research indicates being thankful might help people actually feel better. There's a catch, however: You have to say thanks more than just once a year.

"If you don't do it regularly you're not going to get the benefits," said Sonja Lyubomirsky, a psychology professor at the University of California, Riverside. "It's kind of like if you went to the gym once a year. What would be the good of that?"

In recent years, researchers have tried to measure the benefits of gratitude. In a National Science Foundation-funded study, Northeastern University psychologist David DeSteno had participants complete an arduous data entry task only to have it lost by computer malfunction. Then, a lab assistant, seemingly unconnected to the study and claiming to be in a hurry for their own experiment, restores the lost work.

The participant is dismissed, and bumps into the lab assistant, who asks for help. DeSteno found those who had been helped by the assistant, and were grateful for it, were more likely to return the favor, and did so for longer than those in a group not helped.

AP
Bill Golden looks through a scrapbook of old photos Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2009, at his home in St. Petersburg, Fla.

"Gratitude leads people to act in virtuous or more selfless ways," said DeSteno, whose research was published earlier this year in the journal Current Directions in Psychological Science. "And it builds social support, which we know is tied to both physical and psychological well being."

Robert Emmons, a psychology professor at the University of California, Davis, said those who offer gratitude are less envious and resentful. They sleep longer, exercise more and report a drop in blood pressure, said Emmons, who wrote "Thanks! How Practicing Gratitude Can Make You Happier."

Pumpkin pie weighing you down? Get moving

By LENNY BERNSTEIN
THE WASHINGTON POST

If overindulgence is in your holiday plans, exercise should be, too. The list of choices offered by many organizations is almost as vast as the menu at Aunt Marge's house.

You'll feel slightly better about that second slice of pecan pie, you'll very likely help someone less fortunate and you may spend a little extra quality time with family or friends you haven't seen in a while.

RUNNING

You probably have the day off, so you can go for nice long run, especially if the weather's good. But for those who want to give a few dollars to charity and do that workout with neighbors, there are more organized runs than you can shake a (drum)stick at.

As always, don't tackle a 5K or 10K if you haven't trained for it. Most events include separate walking options or will allow you to walk the running course.

GYMS

Your local fitness center hasn't overlooked the trend toward pre-holiday-meal workouts.

Don't overlook your regular gym, which may be open in response to demand. Skyline Sport & Health in Falls Church, Va., hosts a Yam Jam that combines cardio, strength exercises and stretching into one 90-minute workout under the slogan "Let us burn that holiday turkey before you do."

TOUCH FOOTBALL

You'll have to organize this on your own, but it's well worth the effort. Any year that my family and I are in town, we play in a large, muddy game in our neighborhood park that brings out friends and neighbors we have not seen for some time. These anarchic affairs are dominated by swift teen-agers, but they proceed with an unspoken ethos that allows the very young, the very old and the very sedentary to take part and enjoy. Plus, you'll feel like a Kennedy for an hour.

Just be prepared for seldom-used muscles to be very sore the next day.

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP10-EMO-023

SUBMISSION: JANUARY 04, 2010 • TIME: 2:00 P.M.

"CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE UPDATE OF THE CNMI STANDARD STATE MITIGATION PLAN FOR THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE"

THE RFP PACKAGE MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE, PLANNING SECTION LOCATED ON CAPITAL HILL, SAIPAN DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

A PRE-PROPOSAL MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR **DECEMBER 18, 2009** AT **10:00 A.M.** AT THE EMO CONFERENCE ROOM. **QUESTIONS** REGARDING THIS RFP SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO MS. FLORENCE S. CALVO, PLANNING SUPERVISOR VIA E-MAIL TO fscalvo@cnmiemo.gov.mp or fscalvo@gmail.com NO LATER THAN 4:30 P.M., LOCAL TIME, DECEMBER 22, 2009.

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/s/ **JOAQUIN P. OMAR**
DEPUTY SPECIAL ASSISTANT
FOR EMO/OHS

/s/ **HERMAN S. SABLAN**
DIRECTOR, P&S

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP10-DEQ-024

SUBMISSION: DECEMBER 18, 2009 • TIME: 2:00 P.M.

"ON-SITE WASTEWATER DATABASE DEVELOPMENT FOR THE DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY"

THE SCOPE OF WORK IS AVAILABLE ON OR AFTER NOVEMBER 24, 2009 AT THE DEQ OFFICE LOCATED IN THE GUALO RAI CENTER BUILDING, SAIPAN OR ELECTRONICALLY BY E-MAIL REQUEST TO derekchambers@deq.gov.

A PRE-PROPOSAL MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR **DECEMBER 04, 2009 AT 10:00 A.M.** IN THE 2ND FLOOR DEQ CONFERENCE ROOM. QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS PROJECT MAY BE SUBMITTED BY FACSIMILE TO **MR. DEREK CHAMBERS** AT (670) 664-8540 NO LATER THAN THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS **DECEMBER 9, 2009**.

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/s/ **FRANK M. RABAULIMAN**
DIRECTOR OF DEQ

/s/ **HERMAN S. SABLAN**
DIRECTOR, P&S

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF JCC CORPORATION

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: that JCC Corporation has been dissolved in accordance with the laws and regulations of the CNMI as of November 30, 2009. Any person or entity having a claim against the corporation MUST present such claim to the corporation in writing by mailing a Notice of claim to P.O. Box 5212, CHRB, Saipan, MP 96950 within 30 days from date publication of this notice. The Notice of Claim MUST include the name of the claimant, the amount being claimed, and the basis for the claim. Any claim shall be barred unless a proceeding to enforce the claim is commenced within five within five years after the publication of this notice pursuant to the laws and regulations applicable in the CNMI. Nothing stated herein shall be construed to act as a wavier of any statutory rights or defenses to the claim, including those rights and defenses available under the CNMI's statue of limitations.

/s/ YU, WAN ZHONG 11-27-2009

TOTTOTVILLE PROPERTY FOR SALE

2nd NOTICE OF SALE
UNDER POWER OF SALE
IN DEED OF TRUST

Anthony P. Sonoda and Lorraine Anne C. Sonoda now known as Lorraine Anne T. Cabrera, (collectively "Trustor"), on or about March 11, 2002 gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, formerly known as the Mariana Island Housing Authority ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the Department of Veterans Affairs, United States of America, ("VA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on March 11, 2002 under Document No. 02-585 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the VA.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

LOT NO. 019 I 30, CONTAINING AN AREA OF 948 SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS, AS MORE PARTICULARLY SHOWN ON THE SURVEY PLAT OF SUBDIVISION OF LOT 019 I 04, DLS CHECK NO. 019 I 02, THE ORIGINAL OF WHICH WAS FILED WITH THE COMMONWEALTH RECORDER'S OFFICE, AS FILE NO. 91-2320, ON MAY 13, 1991.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default Trustee issued its Notice of Default on January 21, 2009. More than thirty days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2CMC §4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, Trustee will, on **Friday, December 18, 2009 at 10:00 a.m., at the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation's office in Garapan, Saipan** under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **Ninety-Seven Thousand, Eight Hundred Twelve and 00/100 ($97,812.00)**, the total amount due under the VA loan.

A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within 72 hours of the auction sale. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within 72 hours will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the ten percent (10%) deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the aforementioned property will revert to NMHC. The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property of the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The purchase price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check.

Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

DATED this 16th day of November, 2009.

/S/ Joshua T. Sasamoto
Corporate Director, NMHC

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP10-DEQ-025

SUBMISSION: DECEMBER 18, 2009 • TIME: 3:00 P.M.

"ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY"

THE SCOPE OF WORK IS AVAILABLE ON OR AFTER NOVEMBER 24, 2009 AT THE DEQ OFFICE LOCATED IN THE GUALO RAI CENTER BUILDING, SAIPAN OR ELECTRONICALLY BY E-MAIL REQUEST TO derekchambers@deq.gov.

A PRE-PROPOSAL MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR **DECEMBER 04, 2009 AT 1:00 P.M.** IN THE 2ND FLOOR DEQ CONFERENCE ROOM. QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS PROJECT MAY BE SUBMITTED BY FACSIMILE TO **MR. DEREK CHAMBERS** AT (670) 664-8540 NO LATER THAN THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS **DECEMBER 9, 2009**.

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/s/ **FRANK M. RABAULIMAN**
DIRECTOR OF DEQ

/s/ **HERMAN S. SABLAN**
DIRECTOR, P&S

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT

INVITATION TO BID
ITB10-RDLNR-014

SUBMISSION: DECEMBER 15, 2009 • TIME: 10:00 A.M.

"PURCHASE OF ONE (1) UTILITY TRACTOR AND ACCESSORIES - CIF ROTA FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF LANDS AND NATURAL RESOURCES, ROTA BRANCH"

COPIES OF THE SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE PICKED-UP AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, LOWER BASE DR., SAIPAN, DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS ITB IS DUE ON **DECEMBER 4, 2009, CLOSE OF BUSINESS** AND SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO MR. JAMES C. MANGLONA, ACTING RESIDENT DIRECTOR AT TEL (670) 532-9494/5 OR BY FAX TO (670) 532-0520 OR E-MAIL TO dlnr@pticom.com.

PREFERENCE IS AVAILABLE TO US CITIZENS OR PERMANENT RESIDENTS AS PER PUBLIC LAW 15-95 AND AS FURTHER AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAW 15-118 AND MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THE BID IF PREFERENCE IS CLAIMED.

/s/ **JOSEPH S. INOS**
MAYOR OF ROTA

/s/ **HERMAN S. SABLAN**
DIRECTOR, P&S

/s/ **JAMES C. MANGLONA**
ACTING RESIDENT DIRECTOR
DLNR, ROTA

Life & Style

For stars, high-tech gaffes hard to hide

AP

In this photo posted July 21, 2009 and provided by the California Governor's Office, California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger is shown in a scene from his Twitter video related to the state's budget crisis. Schwarzenegger's use of a knife in the spot was criticized by some, and included among the increasing number of highly visible social networking gaffes. The governor didn't see it that way and said he didn't want to be considered an uptight politician.

CHICAGO (AP)—So, you fail to take a deep breath and to count to 10—and you post something you probably shouldn't on Twitter or Facebook, or somewhere else online.

Hopefully, it blows over without doing too much damage. But what if you're famous and have thousands, if not millions of virtual followers?

NFL star Larry Johnson was released by the Kansas City Chiefs after questioning his coach and posting gay slurs for all the world to see. California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger was criticized for pulling out a big knife in a video that was posted as a "thank you" to constituents for suggesting ways to cut the state budget.

Those are but two of the recent controversies that social networking helped ignite—and far from the last in an era when fans and gawkers are just waiting for sports stars, celebrities and politicians to say something embarrassing or naughty. New technology makes it that much easier for stars to do that.

"Yes, I get that this is a great promotional tool. It can also be a dagger if not used properly," says Matthew Pace, a New York attorney who works with agencies that manage athletes and who cautions them about the damage social networking can do to a career.

Syracuse University star receiver Mike Williams discovered those pitfalls when he was suspended from the football team this fall, and then quit shortly after saying he hated college on his Facebook page.

"I can't see me doing this for long ... hint, hint," Williams also wrote, according to the Syracuse student newspaper.

Those kinds of posts are causing more universities, pro teams and even some movie studios to try to clamp down on the off-the-cuff content their stars put online. Or, at the very least, celebs of all kinds are being encouraged to think before they post.

Sometimes, it's about protecting reputations. In other cases, it's about keeping sensitive information from leaking.

One could argue that some celebrities, athletes and politicians have done a pretty good job of making fools of themselves for a long time without social networking.

"But there may be a tendency even for really high-profile people to forget that any content you post online is a public statement—and that it is as public as any television or print interview," says Nancy Flynn, a corporate consultant who heads the Ohio-based ePolicy Institute. "It's in your words, so you can't say, 'Well, I was misquoted.'"

However, while there are obvious dangers, all of this "microblogging," as it's known, can be worth the risk: Fans like having this kind of direct access to public figures and can be quite loyal to those who are good at it.

And even if there's an online stumble, here or there, well, that can just make celebs seem more real.

"It's a way to understand that they are human," says April Francis, a 26-year-old Chicagoan who works as an "identity consultant," which includes help with wardrobe, branding and public relations for her clients.

On Twitter, she follows everyone from burlesque performer Dita Von Teese to basketball star Shaquille O'Neal—but recently dropped author Margaret Atwood because she thought Atwood was "mind-blowingingly boring."

For a lot of fans, it is that—not controversy—that's the kiss of death these days.

"It comes down to the interest factor," says Allen Chen, a 30-year-old university worker from Yonkers, N.Y., who follows several professional athletes and authors on Twitter and thinks it's best when they are "funny, entertaining and snarky." He recently dropped a former New York Knick (Stephon Marbury) and a current one (Nate Robinson) because he says they were none of those things.

Sometimes it's the celebrity who loses interest in social networking. Teen pop star Miley Cyrus recently stopped tweeting because she grew weary of tabloids using material she posted.

More often, though, Hollywood types are more than happy to share what some might consider too much information, evidenced on Wonderwall.com, a site that tracks some of the more questionable or buzz-worthy things celebrities tweet.

Consider this one from singer John Mayer: "If you ever see me out and about and I'm punching myself in the pants, leave me be. Personal lessons are being taught/learned."

Or actress Demi Moore: "grabbing my hubby and putting on my birthday suit.....to snuggle.....goooood night. until tomorrow!"

Taiwan honors local film at Chinese Oscars

BANCIAO, Taiwan (AP)—Taiwanese social drama "No Puedo Vivir Sin Ti" won Chinese cinema's top honor on Saturday—a rare victory for an industry that has been overshadowed by big-budget blockbusters from rival mainland China.

While this self-ruled island that split from China in a 1949 civil war has produced world-class directors like Oscar winner Ang Lee and art-house standouts Edward Yang and Hou Hsiao-hsien, a younger generation of filmmakers have struggled to produce commercial hits. Meanwhile, China's movie market has been booming, churning out lavish historical epics that have drawn talent from Taiwan and Hong Kong.

But the tables were turned at least for one night Saturday, when a Taiwanese black-and-white film about a working-class single father who struggles to retain custody of his daughter clinched best picture and best director at the Chinese-language equivalent of the Oscars. Leon Dai's "No Puedo Vivir Sin Ti" also won best original screenplay and outstanding Taiwanese film of the year at the 46th Golden Horse Awards.

While the annual event is held in Taiwan, it is Chinese film's most representative award, drawing jurors from Taiwan, Hong Kong and mainland China.

"I especially want to thank this piece of land, Taiwan. It's this land that nurtured this movie. And we have been working hard to use the nutrition we received to develop this land," Dai told reporters backstage.

Oscar best director winner Lee, who is now based in the U.S., was on hand to witness the rare triumph of his home industry. Lee, whose first three films were made by then state-run Taiwanese film company, Central Motion Picture Corp., presented Dai with his best director trophy along with Hou and Hong Kong directors Johnnie To and Stanley Kwan.

AP

Taiwanese director Leon Dai holds his four awards include Best Director and Best Feature Film at the 46th Golden Horse Awards, Saturday, Nov. 28, 2009, in Banchiau, Taipei County, Taiwan.

Not only did Dai direct "No Puedo Vivir Sin Ti," he also produced, edited and wrote the screenplay—highlighting the difficulty Taiwanese filmmakers face in raising funds.

The best actor competition produced the first tie in the Golden Horse Award's history, with jurors honoring both Hong Kong actor Nick Cheung and his Chinese counterpart Huang Bo. Cheung played a former boxer who takes a kidnapping job so he can care for his sick wife in "The Beast Stalker." Huang played a man in "Cow" who tries to protect a dairy cow from Japanese soldiers who wiped out his fellow villagers in 1940s China.

Cheung, who also won best actor at the Hong Kong Film Awards earlier this year, told Huang backstage that he considered him a great rival after watching his performance and thought the tie was "the perfect ending."

Huang said his was a difficult four-month shoot, with many scenes involving more than 100 takes, and jokingly thanked his co-star—the cow.

"I still want to thank my baby—my big dairy cow. I will give you some good feed when I get back," he said.

Best actress went to China's Li Bingbing for the thriller, "The Message," about Japanese invaders in China who try to ferret out a spy among their Chinese collaborators. Li edged out co-star Zhou Xun.

A tearful Li rambled on during her acceptance speech despite being cued by background music to wrap up twice.

"There were no easy scenes in this movie. If you wanted to take it easy or let your form slip in a scene in the movie, you didn't have the chance to do so. This is a very serious movie. It doesn't allow you any margin of error," she said.

Veteran Hong Kong star Wai Ying-hung won best supporting actress for playing a single mother whose son faces rape charges in "At the End of Daybreak." The best supporting actor was China's Wang Xueqi, who portrayed an elderly performer in Chen Kaige's biopic of late Peking Opera star Mei Lanfang, "Forever Enthralled."

"KJ: Music and Life" was a surprise winner of three awards. The documentary of a Hong Kong music prodigy won best documentary, best editing and best sound effects.

'Avatar' video game to expand film's alien world

LOS ANGELES (AP)—James Cameron was thinking beyond the big screen when he created the alien world of Pandora. The "Titanic" director worked in tandem with video game developer Ubisoft Montreal on the game based on his upcoming sci-fi epic "Avatar."

Opening Dec. 18, the film stars Sam Worthington as a paralyzed human soldier who takes on the form of an exotic blue-skinned alien species called Na'vi on their home world Pandora, a remote paradise teaming with freaky flora and fauna.

"James Cameron did something really smart," said Kevin Shortt, story designer of "Avatar: The Game." "When he started preproduction on the movie three-and-a-half years ago, he said, 'I want a game. I know I want a game. I want them working on it right now.' Because, what often happens is they make the movie, and then somebody says, 'Hey, let's tack on a game.'"

In a plot that diverges from the film's story line, players can portray either a blade-wielding member of the Na'vi or a gun-toting human soldier for the Resources Development Administration, a massive organization that mines Pandora's rare natural resources. The game's parallel narratives explore the implications of aligning with either the Na'vi or RDA.

"Let's face it," Cameron said at the Electronic Entertainment Expo earlier this year. "Games derived from movies, historically, some of them have kind of sucked. And I didn't want 'Avatar'—I didn't want anything associated with 'Avatar'—to suck. So I proposed to Ubisoft this theory that the game should not be a slave to the movie."

Because "Avatar: The Game" is scheduled for release on Dec. 1—over two weeks before the movie opens—dedicated fans can absorb details about Cameron's otherworldly creation before they see the film. That includes taking a peek at the game's comprehensive database of characters, creatures, vehicles and other minutia that will unravel as players progress.

"It's not just a repeat of the story," said Shortt, who worked also on the "Lost: Via Domus" game. "It's a rich, full experience itself that builds on the world that Cameron already created. We've got our Pandorapedia, which gives all these extra details for fans that they're not going to get anywhere else. This is the first place you're going to get them."

AP

In this video game image released by Ubisoft, a scene is shown from "Avatar:The Game."

News exec: Dinner crashers shopping interview

NEW YORK (AP)—A television executive says the couple who crashed President Barack Obama's first state dinner is offering to talk to broadcast networks about it for a payment of hundreds of thousands of dollars.

The executive, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the network does not publicly discuss bookings, told The Associated Press that representatives for Michaele and Tareq Salahi contacted networks to urge them to "get their bids in" for an interview. The executive says the Virginia couple was looking for a payment in the mid-six figures range.

The couple's success in getting into the state dinner Tuesday without an invitation embarrassed the White House and Secret Service.

AP

This photo released by the White House Nov. 27, 2009, shows President Barack Obama greeting Michaele and Tareq Salahi, right, at a State Dinner hosted by Obama for Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh at the White House in Washington Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2009.

The woman, who was pictured at the dinner greeting both the president and Vice President Joe Biden, is a reality TV hopeful trying to get on Bravo's "The Real Housewives of D.C." Representatives for the Salahis did not immediately return telephone and e-mail requests for comment.

Network news divisions say they don't pay for interviews. They have, for eagerly-sought interviews in the past, offered to pay for access to exclusive material like pictures or videos from their subjects.

Meanwhile, CNN confirmed that the Salahis had canceled an appearance they had scheduled for "Larry King Live" on Monday.

R&B star Chris Brown to be interviewed on '20/20'

NEW YORK (AP)—ABC says Chris Brown will appear on its "20/20" newsmagazine Dec. 11.

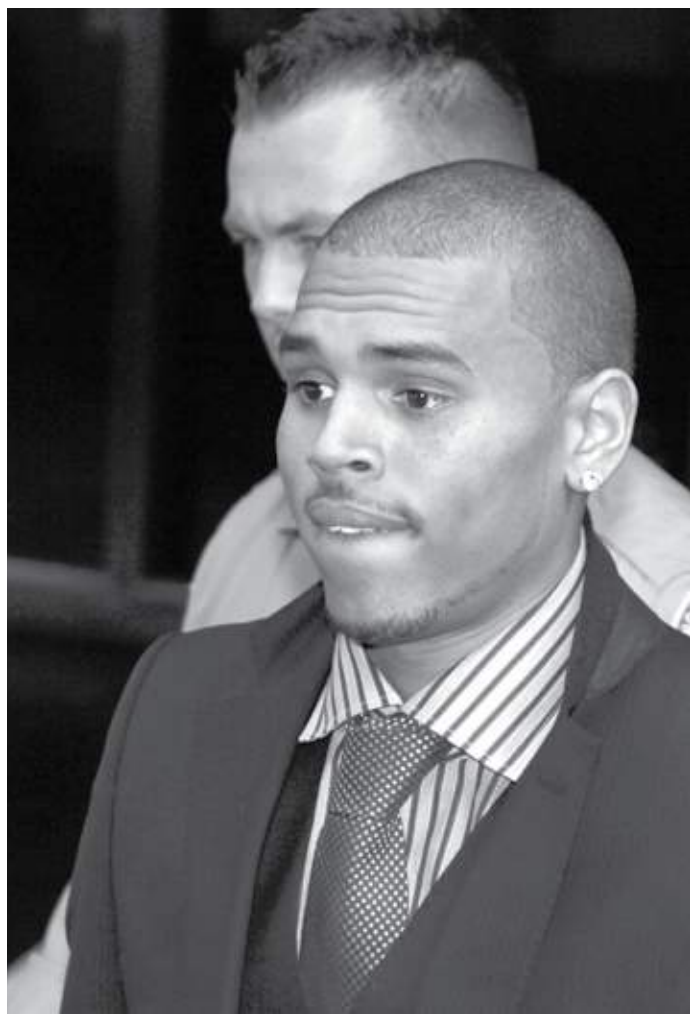
In what's billed as an in-depth interview, the singer will discuss his assault of ex-girlfriend and recording superstar Rihanna in February. He is on probation for the beating.

Robin Roberts, anchor of ABC's "Good Morning America," conducts the interview. It was taped last weekend.

ABC spokesman Jeffrey Schneider says clips may also air on "Good Morning America." He says Brown will not perform live.

Brown is scheduled to release his album "Graffiti" on Dec. 8. He has previously spoken about the attack on MTV News and "Larry King Live."

Rihanna was interviewed this month by ABC's Diane Sawyer.



In this Nov. 19, 2009 photo, Chris Brown leaves the Criminal Justice Center after a hearing, in Los Angeles to offer a judge his first progress report since being sentenced for beating ex-girlfriend Rihanna earlier this year.

AP

Arabian Horse Foundation begins Swayze scholarship

DAYTON, Ohio (AP)—The Arabian Horse Foundation has established a scholarship in honor of the late actor Patrick Swayze and his wife.

Swayze and wife Lisa Neimi owned Arabian horses and competed in shows for several years. The foundation is the charitable arm of the Denver-based Arabian Horse Association.

Foundation President Larry Kinneer of Dayton, Ohio, said Friday that the scholarship honors Swayze for his career and the couple's "love of the Arabian breed and contributions over the years to AHA youth programs."

The scholarship will be awarded each spring to a youth involved with Arabian horses who seeks a performing arts career. It was launched with a pledge from Iron Horse Farms in Canton, Ga.

Swayze died in September of pancreatic cancer at age 57. His wife survives him.

Iconic Ansel Adams print going up for NYC auction

NEW YORK (AP)—An early print of an iconic Ansel Adams photograph is going up for auction in New York City for an estimated $350,000 to $450,000.

The Dec. 8 sale of 1948's "Moonrise, Hernandez, New Mexico" is at Swann Auction Galleries.

The print is signed and inscribed to Valentino Sarra, a friend of Adams' and a poster designer for the old Works Progress Administration. It shows a nighttime moon over a cloud-fringed mountain range with a graveyard in the foreground.

It was made in a range of subtle grays, and the auction house says it's one of only 10 believed to carry such a delicate tonal quality. Three are in museum collections.

Adams experimented with printing, often producing the same image in lighter and darker tones.

'Pulp Fiction' writer taken off jail furlough

VENTURA, Calif. (AP)—"Pulp Fiction" co-screenwriter Roger Avary has been removed from a prison work furlough program and locked up, authorities say.

Avary was sentenced in September to a year in jail and five years probation for causing a drunken driving car crash that killed a passenger and injured Avary's wife. News reports say he has been serving his time in a work furlough program.

But on Friday Ventura County sheriff's spokesman Capt. Ross Bonfiglio said the 44-year-old Avary had been locked up in the county jail.

The Los Angeles Times and the Ventura County Star reported that he was removed from the furlough program and jailed after allegedly Twittering about his experiences since being sentenced.

But Bonfiglio told The Associated Press that he was jailed over security issues and Twittering wasn't a key factor. Avary attorney Mark Werskman denied Twittering caused his incarceration.

Avary and Quentin Tarantino share the 1995 Academy Award for writing "Pulp Fiction."

AP

Roger Avary arrives at the Los Angeles premiere of Beowulf held at the Mann Village Theatre in this Nov. 5, 2007 file photo taken in Westwood, Calif.

Best wishes of the season bring out Scrooge in critics

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: For 20 years I have gone to considerable thought and expense to carefully select nice holiday cards to send to a varied client base. I have tried to be considerate and sensitive to any cultural and religious differences.

My Christian friends wanted explicitly religious cards, the Hanukkah cards were not religious enough, and the middle-of-the-road "Season's Greetings" were termed "wishy-washy secular." My own family is a feuding stew of different faiths.

This year? I've had it. I sent Thanksgiving cards with the following quote from Theodore Roosevelt: "Let us remember that as much has been given us, much will be expected from us, and that true homage comes from the heart as well as from the lips, and shows itself in deeds."

It bothers me that a simple delivery of good wishes was met with such a resounding show of bad manners and ill will, and I see no point in continuing. My mother says I expect too much of people and that this will backfire. I'm past caring and have no more cheeks left to turn. I agreed to abide by your advice. What say you?

STEAMED IN VAN NUYS, CALIF.

DEAR STEAMED: I don't blame you for being offended. The complainers were extremely rude. If you've sent cards only out of fear that if you didn't it would somehow "backfire," then you shouldn't have sent them. And if anyone is presumptuous enough to raise the subject, tell that person it's because your selection was criticized last year, so this year you decided to save your money.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 43-year-old woman with one adopted 16-year-old child. I have never had children of my own, and I'd like to try again. My 44-year-old husband feels we're too old now, and of course society thinks we're too old, too. We have friends whose kids are having kids. Do you think we're too old?

OPEN-MINDED IN MICHIGAN

DEAR OPEN-MINDED: Yes, I do, but what I think doesn't matter. This is a subject you should discuss at length with your OB/GYN because a pregnancy at your age could be risky not only for you, but also your child. And if your husband doesn't feel up to the challenge, his wishes should be considered.

DEAR ABBY: I am a single mother of a 7-year-old girl. Before we moved to a rural area, my daughter attended a private school where she flourished. However, after three years in public school here, she is struggling academically and her self-esteem has been challenged.

Every day I agonize over whether we ought to move or stay. I have a great job, wonderful friends and the lifestyle is comfortable. But the schools are awful. I remember how my daughter used to love going to school, but now she hates it.

I can't decide if we should move back to a larger city where there are more educational choices, or if we should remain here. Have you any thoughts on this? I want my daughter to gain stability, but I don't know if this is the place because school is such an important part of people's lives.

MUST CHOOSE IN MARYLAND

DEAR MUST CHOOSE: What's more important to you—your job, friends and lifestyle, or your daughter's future? Once you have answered that question, your choice will be easy.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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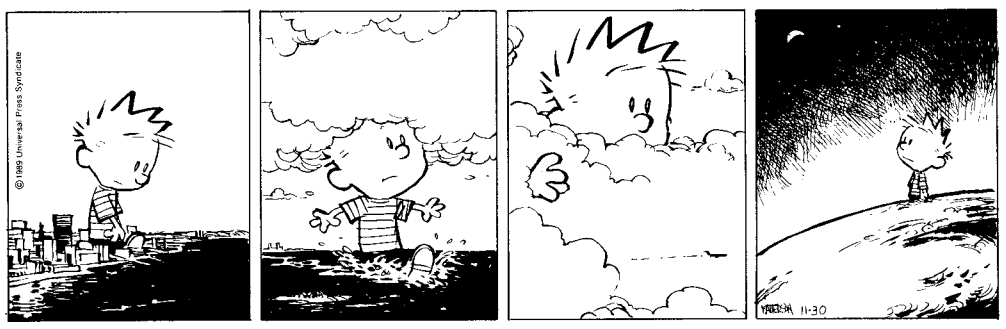
Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson



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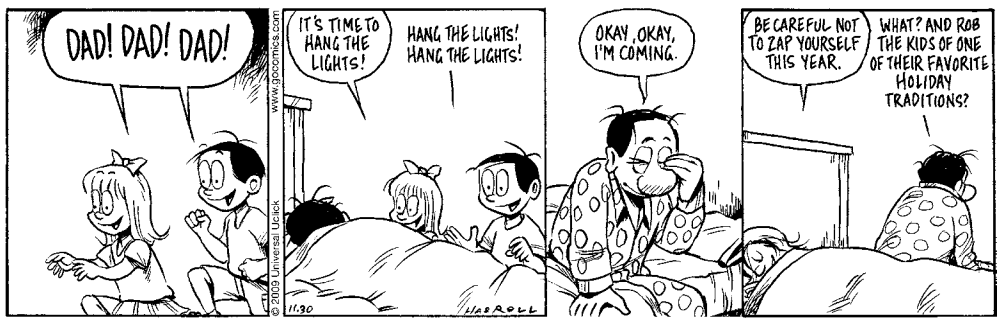
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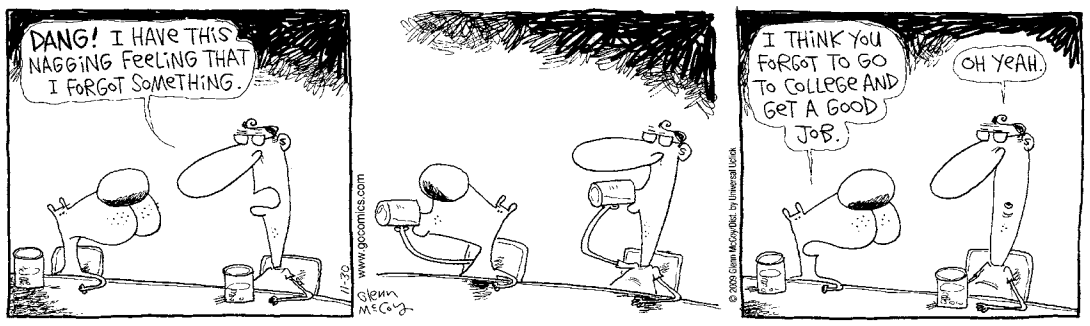
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21 Hire
24 Lotion additive
25 By way of
26 Carpet
28 "Peter, Peter, pumpkin —"
31 Sea eagles
33 9-Across holder
35 It ain't worth a nickel
36 Of birth
38 Dict. information
40 Wrong (Pref.)
41 Curved molding
43 "Everybody Loves Raymond" brother
45 Maiden in distress?
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48 Midafternoon, on a sundial
49 Musical mobile, maybe
54 Branch
55 "— Grows in Brooklyn"
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57 Caustic solution
58 Decade parts
59 Sweet potato

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3 Omega preceder
4 Request
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6 Blackbird
7 Punctuation mark
8 Colored ring
9 8 to 11, on TV
10 Modern coin
11 "So be it"
16 Western st.
20 Street
21 Divisible by two
22 Actress Sorvino
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29 Eastern potentate
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34 One given to mockery
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Saturday's answer 11-30

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ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Take on a new attitude when it comes to money and what you are going to do with it. Get involved in something you can turn into a profit. Don't let someone who doesn't agree with your plans to hold you back. ✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Someone isn't telling you the truth. Dig deep to find out all the facts before you make a decision that will change your future. Letting your emotions get the better of you may cost you financially and personally. ✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): You should consider making some improvements that will help ease your stress. You need a change and it's about time you considered moving or altering your surroundings to accommodate your needs. ✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): You will be inspired to try things you have been afraid to do in the past. Unexpected information will help you make a vital decision. A firm answer when dealing with people you don't agree with will bring the best results. ✪✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Observation will be your best bet when looking for insight and the answers to a decision that must be made. Impulsive spending or being too generous will lead to worry and anxiety you can do without. ✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): It's up to you to make the first move to clear up a misunderstanding that has left someone feeling uncomfortable. Change can be good if you make it for the right reason. Don't let someone misguide you for his or her own selfish motives. ✪✪✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): You can make money if you are productive and proactive. A new job, an interview or investing in a project of your own will all lead to something prosperous. Love is looking good. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Just because your plate is full and you are being torn between your personal and professional responsibilities doesn't mean that you should fall short. Pick up the pace—you will accomplish your goals and impress someone important. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Ferret out information that will help you raise your level of competence and add new skills to your resume. Keep things to yourself and surprise the competition when you are well prepared to take action. Impulsiveness will be your downfall. ✪✪✪

CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): It is vital that you get moving in a direction that will improve your future. Consider making a change or doing something to make your personal life more comfortable emotionally and physically. ✪✪✪✪✪

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AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Making irrational choices will lead to a series of poor decisions that will be costly. Mishaps are likely to stop you in your tracks, making it impossible for you to achieve something important. Think of others before you make a move. ✪✪

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Saturday's SUDOKU Answer

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

LOURDES KISA TIAN, Petitioner, vs. **TIAN, SHAO AN,** Respondent.	**Civil Action No. 09-0567** **ORDER TO APPEAR OR PLEAD**

TO: THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT TIAN, SHAO AN:

YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED TO APPEAR OR PLEAD by the 21st day after the fourth date of publication of this ORDER TO APPEAR OR PLEAD and defend the above entitled action in the CNMI SUPERIOR COURT, at the Office of Clerk of Court, CNMI SUPERIOR COURT, 1st Floor, Guma' Hustisia, Ilmwal Aweewe, House of Justice, Susupe Village, P.O. Box 500307, Saipan MP 96950-0307; and answer the Petition by Petitioner Lourdes Kisa Tian, and serve a copy of your answer upon **Robert Tenorio Torres**, attorney for Petitioner Lourdes Kisa Tian, at **Plata Drive, Whispering Palms (Chalan Kiya), P.O. box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950;** and in case of failure to do so, a default will be rendered against you according to the demand of the Petition, which has been filed with the Clerk of Court.

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/s/ Ramon K. Quichocho

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James, Williams lead Cavaliers over Mavs

CLEVELAND (AP)—Mo Williams made 7 of 7 3-point attempts, LeBron James scored 25 points with 12 assists and the Cleveland Cavaliers rebounded from a lackluster loss in Charlotte by beating the road-tested Dallas Mavericks 111-95 on Saturday night.

Williams finished with 25 points and Anderson Varejao scored 15 - 13 in the second half - for the Cavs, who were beaten 94-87 by the Bobcats on Friday in center Shaquille O'Neal's return after missing six games with a shoulder injury. Cleveland also got a huge boost from troubled guard Delonte West.

West, who played just over two minutes on Friday and has been ineffective recently while dealing with personal and health issues, added 10 points and 10 rebounds in a season-high 29 minutes.

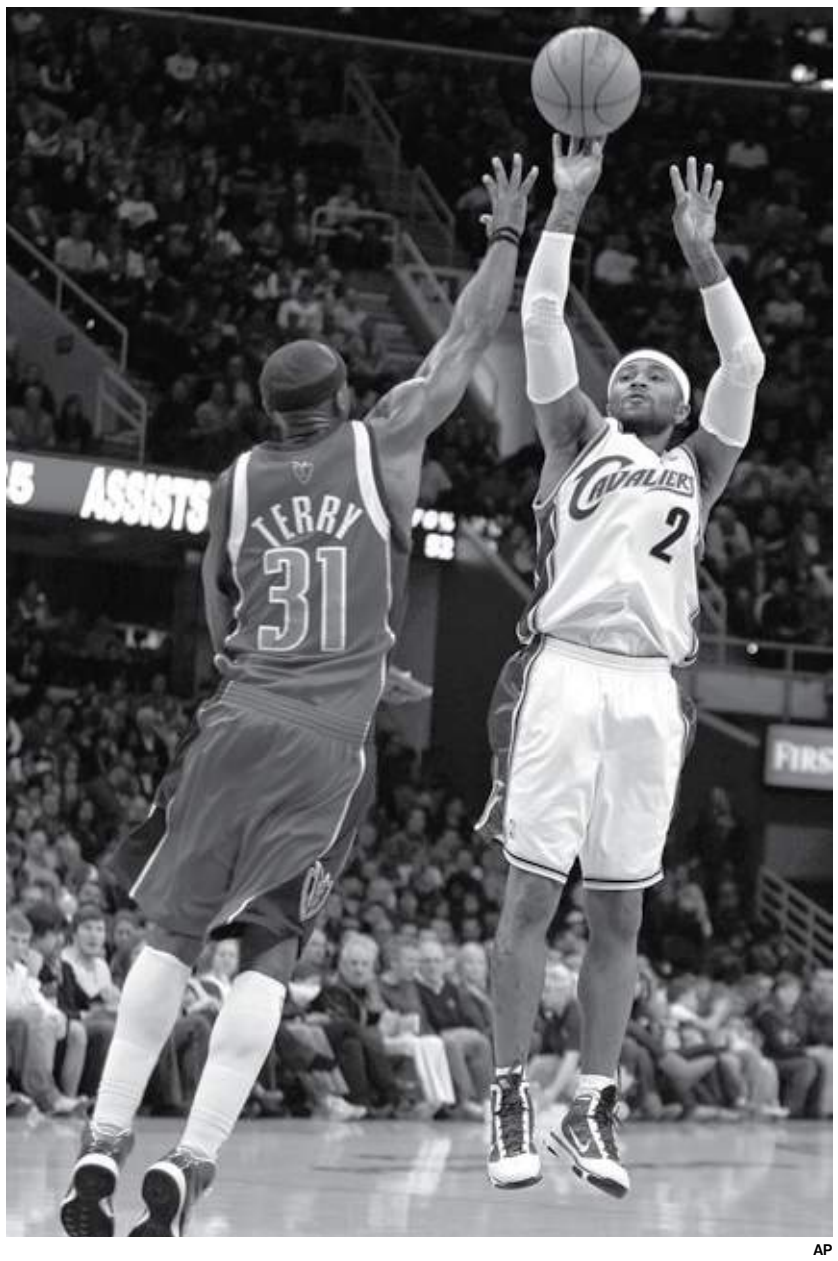
Dirk Nowitzki scored 27 and Jason Terry 25 for Dallas, which was denied its sixth straight road win.

O'Neal was back in the Cavs' lineup on Friday, but Shaq's comeback only bogged down Cleveland's offense, which was out of sync and struggled while trying to incorporate him back into the flow. O'Neal scored only 9 points in 25 minutes but his presence alone bothered the undersized Mavericks.

Cleveland ran many of its offensive sets through O'Neal, who drew double-teams and kicked the ball to the perimeter. The Cavs' ball movement was crisp and they knocked down their 3s, making 9 of 13 attempts one night after going just 6 of 21 from long range.

Williams was 2 of 8 on 3s in Charlotte, but back on his home floor, Cleveland's guard barely rippled the nets while bombarding the Mavericks.

Williams hit five 3s in the first half, when the Cavaliers' offense ran as smoothly as it has at any point this season—by far. Cleveland was 7-for-8 from long range, shot 68 percent from the field, posted a season-high for points (68) in a half and handed out 23 assists—9 more than the Cavaliers had in 48 minutes on Friday—on 26 baskets.



AP

Cleveland Cavaliers' Mo Williams (2) shoots over Dallas Mavericks' Jason Terry in the third quarter in an NBA basketball game Saturday, Nov. 28, 2009, in Cleveland.

But despite the offensive efficiency, the Cavs didn't put the Mavericks away until late in the fourth quarter. Leading by 11, James scored on an alley-oop off an inbound pass, Williams hit a jumper and James scored on a drive as Cleveland opened a 106-88 lead with 4:08 left.

About the only thing missing for Cleveland was center Zydrunas Ilgauskas. He didn't play and remains tied with Cavs general manager Danny Ferry (724) for the most games played in team history.

With Erick Dampier missing his eighth straight game with an undisclosed illness, the Mavericks did not have a true center to match up with O'Neal, and the Cavaliers exploited Dallas' deficiency inside. They pounded the ball in to O'Neal, who was guarded by 6-foot-10 Drew Gooden, repeatedly in the first half.

James fed the big man for Cleveland's first basket and then hit a charging O'Neal in the lane for a dunk that none of the Mavericks dared contest. O'Neal returned the favor to James moments later with a sweet bounce bass that the MVP slammed home.

James had eight assists in the first quarter, helping the Cavs open a 35-26 lead after one.

Dirk Nowitzki scored 27 for Dallas.

Jazz 108 Trail Blazers 92

In Salt Lake City, Carlos Boozer had 26 points and 12 rebounds to lead Utah to a win over Portland and its fifth victory in six games.

Deron Williams added 24 points and 15 assists for the Jazz, which never trailed and shot a season-best 61.4 percent from the field.

Brandon Roy scored 19 points for the Blazers, who missed 15 of their 18 attempts from 3-point range.

Magic 100, Bucks 98

In Milwaukee, Vince Carter scored 19 of his 25 points in the second half after getting four stitches as Orlando edged Milwaukee.

Dwight Howard added 25 points and 20 rebounds for the Magic, who trailed by 15 midway through the third quarter before Carter sparked the comeback. He missed a majority of the first half after needing stitches for a cut lip.

Ersan Ilyasova finished with 20 points and a career-high 16 rebounds for Milwaukee.

Lakers 130, Warriors 97

In Oakland, California, Los Angeles made it five straight wins by thrashing Golden State.

Pau Gasol scored 22 points to lead seven players in double figures and also had 12 rebounds. Ron Artest added 19 points, five rebounds and four assists to help the Lakers to their highest point total of the season.

Monta Ellis scored 18 points in Golden State's third straight game without ill coach Don Nelson, who is fighting pneumonia.

Bobcats 92, Wizards 76

In Washington, Gerald Wallace had 14 points and 14 rebounds in Charlotte's win over Washington.

Tyson Chandler and Raymond Felton each scored 12 points as the Bobcats won a fourth straight—their longest winning streak this season.

Caron Butler scored 19 points to lead the Wizards.

NBA BRIEFS

Orlando forward Matt Barnes fined $20,000

NEW YORK (AP)—Orlando Magic forward Matt Barnes was fined $20,000 by the NBA on Saturday for throwing a basketball into the stands. The Miami Heat's Michael Beasley soared over Barnes to grab an offensive rebound and dunk the ball for the winning points with 1.6 seconds left in a 99-98 win over Orlando on Wednesday. The Magic protested that it was goaltending. Barnes threw the ball into the stands after the game.

Ex-NBA star Walker apologizes for 'unacceptable' housing properties

CHICAGO (AP)—Former NBA All-Star Antoine Walker is apologizing for "unacceptable" living conditions at Chicago buildings owned by his companies. Walker told the *Chicago Tribune* he wants to "humbly apologize" to everyone who's been affected by the failings of his companies, Walker Ventures LLC and AW Realty LLC. One building has been described as a slum nuisance by the city. A broken sewer pipe filled the basement with feces and debris, and bricks tumbled from the building's facade. Over a dozen lawsuits have been filed against Walker's companies over poor management and unpaid debts. Walker is also facing criminal charges over gambling debts to three Las Vegas casinos. Walker played for Boston, Dallas, Atlanta, Miami and Minnesota during his 12-year career.

Sixers' Williams has surgery on broken jaw

PHILADELPHIA—Philadelphia 76ers guard Lou Williams will miss eight weeks after undergoing jaw surgery on Thursday morning. Williams broke his jaw in Philadelphia's loss to Washington on Tuesday night. His averages of 17.4 points and 5.1 assists are second-highest on the team behind Andre Iguodala. Rookie Jrue Holiday started at point guard in place of Williams against Boston in a 113-110 loss on Wednesday.

Source: Iverson retirement may be brief

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Allen Iverson is talking about a comeback. And the Philadelphia 76ers are at least discussing the idea of bringing back their former franchise superstar.

A person with knowledge of the talks says the Sixers have been approached about signing the recently retired guard, and team management has held internal discussions about bringing Iverson back.

The person, who spoke on condition of anonymity because talks have not been made public, says Iverson is among the free-agent candidates the Sixers are considering to replace injured point guard Lou Williams, who's expected to miss eight weeks after jaw surgery.

"I think we would look at all the options for sure, but nothing has really happened," Peter Luukko, COO of Comcast-Spectacor, which owns the 76ers and Flyers, told The Associated Press. "We have had no formal discussions."

With no apparent interest from NBA teams, Iverson announced his plan to retire this week. His statement read more like a job pitch for a playoff contender rather than a final farewell.

Iverson said he planned to retire, but also stated that "I feel strongly that I can still compete at the highest level."

The statement also said Iverson has tremendous love for the game and the desire to play, adding there is "a whole lot left in my tank."

He could find out how much in Philadelphia, where he spent the first 10-plus seasons of his career.

The 10-time All-Star was NBA MVP in 2001 when he led the Sixers to the NBA Finals. He was the No. 1 overall pick of the 1996 draft and became a global star with his all-out play - and a major headache with his rants about practice and run-ins with former coach Larry Brown. He made "talking' about practice" part of the sports lexicon.

Fed up with losing and his relationship with former coach Maurice Cheeks irrevocably broken, Iverson wanted out in 2006 and he was traded to the Denver Nuggets. He played for Denver until early last season when he was traded to Detroit.

Brown, now coaching the Charlotte Bobcats, said it would be great to see Iverson reunited with the Sixers.

"I just want to see him back in the league. He's loved in Philly," Brown said before the Bobcats played at Washington. "He did a phenomenal job for that franchise. If you look at games now, they're not nearly as exciting. There's not as many people at the games. We need him in the league."

The 6-foot Iverson played three games this season with Memphis before taking a leave of absence to attend to personal matters. He was waived after the two sides agreed to part ways.

Iverson's agent, Leon Rose, and 76ers team president Ed Stefanski did not immediately return messages for comment.

Iverson would find a Sixers team in the same mediocre shape he left it amid squabbles with management. The Sixers have lost five straight and are 5-11 entering Sunday's game at San Antonio. The Sixers were bounced out of the first round of the Eastern Conference playoffs each of the past two seasons.

Iverson would immediately spark interest and ticket sales among Philadelphia's largely apathetic fan base. The Sixers are 29th in the NBA in attendance, and Iverson would spike that sagging number.

Stefanski has said he wanted to build around his nucleus of Andre Iguodala, Elton Brand and Thaddeus Young. Iverson, like he has in every stop, would demand the ball and could hinder team chemistry more than he could make Philly relevant.

Iverson also has made it clear he won't come off the bench. With Williams out, he would start over rookie Jrue Holiday, but it's not clear where he would fit in once Williams is healthy to return.

The New York Knicks considered signing Iverson after he cleared waivers, before deciding he would take too much playing time from younger players they are trying to develop.

One of the NBA's great scorers, Iverson entered this season with a career average of 27.1 points, which ranks fifth all time. Yet there was almost no interest in him this summer before he went to the Grizzlies on a one-year deal.

"I don't think deep down he ever wanted to leave Philly," Brown said. "He's said, deep down, numerous times that's where he wanted to finish his career. Let's hope he has an opportunity to come back. If it's not Philly, somebody will pick him up. I'm confident of that."

Iverson has played one game in Philadelphia since he was traded, with Denver on March 19, 2008. He planted a kiss on the 76ers logo at midcourt, blew imaginary ones to the fans, and regretted how his Sixers career ended.

"I always wanted to finish my career here in Philadelphia," he said. "The opportunity was there for me to do it. In a lot of ways, I made sure that didn't happen."

He might get that second act to make it end the way he wants.

Police: Woods, wife unavailable for interview

AP

Elin Nordegren, wife of golfer Tiger Woods, leaves the exclusive Isleworth subdivision in Windermere, Fla., with the family dogs on Saturday, Nov. 28, 2009.

WINDERMERE, Fla. (AP)—The mystery over Tiger Woods' car crash intensified Saturday when his agent called state troopers on their way to Woods' house and asked them to wait another day before speaking to him.

It was the second straight day Woods was unavailable to talk. His wife told troopers on Friday afternoon, after the world's No. 1 golfer had been treated and released from a hospital, that he was sleeping and asked that they return Saturday.

Woods is not required by law to speak to the Florida Highway Patrol because it is being investigated as a traffic accident, spokeswoman Sgt. Kim Montes said.

Woods was injured when his Cadillac SUV struck a fire hydrant and a tree just beyond his driveway at 2:25 a.m. Friday. Police said his lips were cut and blood was in his mouth when officers arrived. Police chief Daniel Saylor said Woods' wife, Elin, smashed the back window with a golf club to help get him out.

Montes said troopers were en route to Woods' $2.4 million mansion in the gated community of Isleworth when agent Mark Steinberg called dispatch and was put through to the troopers, telling them Woods and his wife were unavailable.

"I don't know what was said," Montes said.

Steinberg did not immediately respond to a text message seeking comment.

With so many questions lingering—where was he going at that hour?—and rumors circulating on the Internet, one marketing expert said silence was only stirring the pot.

"Every 10 seconds these days, people update their tweets," said David Schwab, vice president of Octagon. "People are just adding speculation and controversy. You need something to settle the ship. If he's not able to do it, find someone to do it for him."

Montes said it was "kind of normal" for Woods not to speak on Friday, the day he was treated and released from a hospital.

"It is unusual that we haven't gotten a statement," she said. "This just delays us to getting closer to the completion of the investigation."

She said troopers inside the gates "are looking for other things for their investigation," and for now, that pertains only to a traffic accident. Montes said Woods is not required to give a statement, only his driver's license, insurance and registration.

"We still are going to move forward with our crash investigation," Montes said.

The 911 tapes of the crash could be released as early as Sunday.

More than two dozen media and a cluster of TV trucks were camped outside the gates of Isleworth, an exclusive subdivision near Orlando that's set on an Arnold Palmer-designed golf course and a chain of small lakes, on Saturday, watching for any developments. Even a couple of tourists stopped by and took pictures.

Woods' news conference for the Chevron World Challenge, the tournament he hosts that benefits his foundation, had been scheduled for Tuesday afternoon. It's unclear whether he would still play, or even attend the event in Thousand Oaks, Calif.

"We do not know if Tiger is playing; we are anticipating a great week of competition," said Greg McLaughlin, the tournament director and president of his foundation.

In a telephone interview, Woods' father-in-law, radio journalist Thomas Nordegren, told The Associated Press in Stockholm that he would not discuss the accident.

"I haven't spoken to her in the last few ... " Nordegren said about his daughter, Elin, before cutting himself off. "I don't want to go into that."

Woods' mother-in-law Barbro Holmberg also refused to address the matter.

"She doesn't want to comment on private issues like these," Holmberg's spokeswoman Eva Malmborg said.

Roger Federer, who has become close with Woods in recent years, said after losing in the semifinals of the ATP World Tour Finals in London, "I haven't spoken to him. I heard it's not too serious, which is a good thing."

Woods has shared precious little about his private life during his dominance of golf, which has brought him 82 victories around the world and 14 major championships, second only to the 18 professional majors won by Jack Nicklaus.

His endorsements—Nike, AT&T, Accenture, Gillette, Gatorade—have helped make him the first athlete to top $1 billion in earnings.

Aside from occasional criticism of his temper inside the ropes, he has kept himself out of the news outside his sport. In an October posting on his Facebook account, Woods wrote, "I'm asked why people don't often see me and Elin in gossip magazines or tabloids. I think we've avoided a lot of media attention because we're kind of boring. ..."

"He's an iconic brand, the platinum standard," said John Rowady, president of rEvolution, a Chicago-based sports marketing agency. "I find it interesting how he's being attacked by so many sides after how gracious he's been. But even the best of celebrities who try to do their best can be riddled with controversy."

Rowady said Woods has solid relationship with his sponsors, and they are not likely to drop him over what is known so far.

"Here's a guy that has a squeaky clean record," Rowady said. "He leads the king's life and everybody admires him. It's a personal matter, but his ability to come out and talk about it will be interesting. I'm sure he has a lot of pressure on him and is trying to avoid the rumors."

Nordegren, a former model from Sweden who once worked as a nanny for golfer Jesper Parnevik, is as private as Woods. She keeps a low profile at tournaments, watching her husband from behind the ropes, and moves on when photographers start taking her picture.

Asked at a Friday evening news conference if the couple could have been arguing, Saylor said he had no knowledge of that.

The accident came two days after the National Enquirer published a story alleging that Woods had been seeing a New York night club hostess, and that they recently were together in Melbourne, where Woods competed in the Australian Masters.

The woman, Rachel Uchitel, denied having an affair with Woods when contacted by the AP.

"I resent my reputation is getting completely blasted in the media," she said during a telephone interview late Friday. "Everyone is assuming I came out and said this. This is not a story I have anything to do with."

Uchitel said she was in Melbourne two weeks ago with clients and never saw Woods the entire time she was there.

"The story stands for itself," National Enquirer executive editor Barry Levine told the AP on Saturday.

Concussion expected to sideline Roethlisberger

PITTSBURGH (AP)—Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger will miss Sunday night's game at Baltimore because of a concussion, an unforeseen development that forces the inexperienced Dennis Dixon to start one of the Super Bowl champions' biggest games this season.

Dixon, the former Oregon star, has spent most of the season as the No. 3 quarterback running the Steelers' scout team during practice. He has thrown only one NFL pass in two seasons, but must play because both Roethlisberger and backup Charlie Batch were hurt during a 27-24 overtime loss to Kansas City last week.

Roethlisberger practiced all week despite sustaining his fourth concussion since 2006. On Thursday, during his only interview of the week, he said he had been cleared to play, joking he passed "thousands of tests."

Roethlisberger, however, experienced headaches resulting from the concussion—his head struck the knee of Chiefs linebacker Derrick Johnson as he leaned headfirst during a running play in overtime—and he began debating the wisdom of playing after consulting with the team's medical staff.

The Steelers decided Saturday that Roethlisberger will play only in an emergency. He will be the No. 3 quarterback, with former Pitt starter Tyler Palko—who was signed only Thursday and doesn't know the offense—as Dixon's backup.

FoxSports.com first reported that Roethlisberger would not play.

The Steelers (6-4), losers of their last two and a game behind Cincinnati (7-3) in the AFC North, were so convinced Roethlisberger would play, they did not sign an experienced quarterback even after Batch broke his left wrist a few plays after replacing Roethlisberger on Sunday. Their game plan for the Ravens (5-5) also was built around Roethlisberger playing.

Coach Mike Tomlin said Tuesday the team expected Roethlisberger to play, and there were no signs Wednesday or Thursday he wouldn't. Dixon took more snaps than usual in practice Friday—the first sign Roethlisberger's status might change.

The Steelers likely will rely mostly on running backs Rashard Mendenhall and Willie Parker and limit the amount of throws Dixon makes. Dixon was an excellent runner in Oregon's spread offense, but the Steelers—like every NFL team—don't want their quarterback running consistently because of the risk of injury.

Dixon's only game action came in a mop-up role against Cleveland in the final game of last season, after Roethlisberger also received a concussion. Dixon will be the most inexperienced Steelers quarterback to be thrown into a starting role since rookie Mike Kruczek replaced the injured Terry Bradshaw in 1976. Kruczek went 6-0 as a starter despite not throwing a single touchdown pass, and ended his five-season NFL career in 1980 without throwing a scoring pass.

Roethlisberger's decision to not play comes in the same week the NFL has taken a heightened stance on protecting players from head injuries. NFL commissioner Roger Goodell sent a memo to teams outlining steps the league is taking to reduce head impacts.

Roethlisberger also had two concussions in 2006, one in a motorcycle accident, and the other last season.

"It's part of the nature of the beast of playing this game," Roethlisberger said Thursday. "It's a violent, physical contact sport and there's a chance you're going to get hit. You guys don't talk about the bruises we have all over our bodies. If I showed you a bruise on my shoulder and a bruise on my shin, it wouldn't get talked about as much. It's a violent sport we play."

Pacquiao nominated world Athlete of Year

MANILA, Philippines— Do you think Filipino boxing icon Manny Pacquiao is the greatest athlete of 2009?

If so, vote for the seven-time world boxing champion in the United States Sports Academy's Athlete of the Year balloting, presented to the world by NBCSports.com and USATODAY.com. Balloting begins at noon, Dec. 1, 2009.

Pacquiao made boxing history last Nov. 14, when he snatched a record seventh world boxing crown in as many divisions after beating Puerto Rico's Miguel Cotto via 12-round TKO and annexing the latter's WBO jr. welterweight crown.

The Athlete of the Year ballot is the culmination of the Academy's yearlong Athlete of the Month search, which recognizes the accomplishments of men and women in sports around the globe. The Academy Athlete of the Month is selected by an international voting committee comprised of members of the media, sports organizations and governing bodies.

There are 12 male and 12 female candidates for Athlete of the Year. The Male and Female Athlete of the Year awards will go to the athletes that receive the most votes. Votes can be submitted on the Academy's website at http://ussa.edu/ballots/athlete-of-the-year. The athlete with the most votes regardless of gender will be the Overall Athlete of the Year.

Balloting is open until Dec. 24. Last year's winners were 2008 Olympic stars Michael Phelps and Nastia Liukin.

Voters are asked to select their top three candidates for the award in descending order. First choice is worth five points, second place is three points and third place is one point.

The men's ballot consists of, in alphabetical order: Craig Alexander, triathlon, Australia; Usain Bolt, track and field, Jamaica; Drew Brees, football, United States; Kobe Bryant, basketball, United States; Angel Cabrera, golf, Argentina; Roger Federer, tennis, Switzerland; Santonio Holmes, football, United States; LeBron James, basketball, United States; Jimmie Johnson, auto racing, United States; Manny Pacquiao, boxing, Philippines; Albert Pujols, baseball, Dominican Republic; and Tiger Woods, golf, United States.

The women's ballot consists of: Yelena Isinbaeva, track and field, Russia; Carmelita Jeter, track and field, United States; Courtney Kupets, gymnastics, United States; Linet Masai, track and field, Kenya; Lorena Ochoa, golf, Mexico; Courtney Paris, basketball, United States; Sanya Richards, track and field, United States; Jiyai Shin, golf, South Korea; Diana Taurasi, basketball, United States; Lindsey Vonn, skiing, United States; Chrissie Wellington, triathlon, United Kingdom; and Serena Williams, tennis, United States. ***(PDI)***

Rocball to hit the sand next year

The CNMI's indigenous sport of Rocball will move to the sand court of the Pacific Islands Club for three straight days beginning Jan. 1, 2010.

Rocball creator Jim Feger said it will mark the first time in years the sport will leave its comfortable home at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

He recalls that the last time "Sand-Roc" was played outdoors in the sand was in the late 1990s.

"The rules for the 'Sand-Roc' games will basically be the same as the rules for indoor Rocball except, teams will have four players and not five on court, the person serving will also be the goalie, the goalie/server will be allowed to charge the net, and only the goalie/server will be allowed to play-off court in the service area and in front of the goal behind the court's end lines," he said in an e-mail.

Feger said individuals interested in forming teams to compete in Sand-Roc need a maximum of five and a minimum of four players to register. He said teams that register for Sand-Roc games will need at least one current Rocball club member on their roster to waive the $25 entrance fee.

"If you are an individual who likes a volleyball skills-type of sport and is not familiar with Rocball's rules of play, you can Google Rocball and read up on the latest rules and regulations of the sport on the Rocball homepage with graphics, news releases of past games, and the synopsis on 'Fools Fire,' said Feger.

For more information concerning the Sand-Roc tournament, contact Feger at 237-3235 or 288-8722. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

GUAM

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Also played in the final week of the inaugural netfest were the junior singles and doubles.

The champion list include Benjie Decena and Thea Minor in the 18-and-undr age group, Christian Miller and Mikayla Lopez in the 14-and-under, and Kennedy Izuka and Camdyn Nadler in the 12-and-under division.

Decena took the boys' 18-and-under crown after beating Rafael Jones in the finals, 6-2, 6-2. Jones advanced to the finals after downing Andy Nutting in the semis, 6-0, 6-1, while Decena prevailed over Nathan Nutting, 6-1, 6-1.

In the girls' 18-and-under finals, Thea Minor won the first set, 7-5, and clinched the title when Vivian Lee withdrew from the match in the second set due to stomach cramps. Minor was ahead in the second set, 2-1.

Miller topped Jake Lee in the finals, 5-2, 6-4, to claim the boys' 14-and-under title, while Lopez also defeated Neghar Rastguiy in two sets, 6-0, 6-2, to secure the girls' tiara.

In the boys' 12-and-under finals, Izuka needed a super tiebreaker to thwart Carl Dela Cruz, 7-6, 2-6, 13-11. Nadler had an easier time in the girls' 12-and-under finals when she beat Alina Ishikawa in straight sets, 6-3, 6-4.

In the junior doubles, Nadler and teammate Alyssa Bristol won the girls' 12-and-under title over Adelle Hudkins and Emily Jones, 6-1, 7-5. The boys' 14-and-under doubles went to Guam's Brian Tuncap and Josh Cepeda, who defeated Saipan's Amami Sakano and Seiya Eda, 6-1, 6-2.

Ishikawa and Lopez notched the girls' 14-and-under doubles after thwarting Amy Arenovski and Rastguiy, 2-6, 6-1, 13-11, while Jake Lee and Daniel Park prevailed in the boys'14-and-under doubles finals against Tommy Choi and Clay McCullough-Sterns, 6-1, 7-5.

In the lone doubles game in the 18-and-under age group, Laila Mailman and Jodel Fernandez triumphed over the pair of Dina Jones and Melody Johnson, 6-7, 7-5, 6-2.

The Tan Holdings Tennis Classic was supported by Gatorade, Quality Distributors, TakeCare, Mobil, Tan Siu Lin Foundation, AON, Shirley's Coffee Shop, IT&E, Continental Airlines, Hertz, Docomo Pacific, First Hawaiian Bank, Deloitte, Miller Lite, Pepsi, and AMS Typhoon Shutters.

SUAREZ

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classed brother Daryl Suarez and Tristan Caro.

A game of S-K-A-T-E is like the game of H-O-R-S-E in basketball where participants do a trick in the park and if the next participant can't do it, he will get a letter. First to spell S-K-A-T-E gets eliminated.

Agbanlog topped the game of S-K-A-T-E in the 16-and-above division, besting Llagas and Jose Santiago.

Agbanlog also prevailed in the best trick category, downing Alfredo Guerana and Westphal.

In the 11 to 15 age group of the best trick category, Baritista won over Rolanda Sangalang and a certain Irvyn.

Participants in the best trick were given three chances to show their wares and judges gave them scores regardless if they complete the trick or not.

Before the competition proper, participants were given enough time to practice at the $241,000-facility built mid this year. A good crowd, mostly parents and other relatives of participants, gathered at the skate park to watch the show.

Last weekend's tournament were supported by IT&E, Boarderline, Monster, Gatorade, Triple J Wholesale, DFS, and Pacific Islands Club.

EBISUYA

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Ebisuya recovered from a slow start to keep its unbeaten record in four games, while GEC Pawnshop absorbed its second loss in three matches.

GEC Pawnshop took a 12-4 lead in the opening minutes of the first quarter behind Alex Ocampo and Warren Villegas and still led after that canto, 24-19, before Ebisuya seized control of the game in the second period.

Ocampo and Villegas had six points apiece in the first period and five other GEC players made it to the scoreboard in the opening canto to take the driver's seat. However, GEC slowed down offensively in the second quarter, as it had no player scoring more than two points in that period.

Ebisuya capitalized GEC's collapse at the start of the second canto and Emir Abuan and Amor Casabuena combined for 11 points to grab the lead at halftime, 37-34.

Ebisuya, behind Willian Opone's eight points and Jun Abedes' six markers, increased the lead to double digits, 71-61, by the end of the third period.

In the fourth quarter, GEC was completely lost, as it fared miserably on offense, failing on its bid to hand Ebisuya its first loss. No GEC player scored more than a field goal in the payoff canto. Adonis Macato was GEC's highest scorer in the fourth period with six, but made four of them from the foul line.

Ebisuya had lesser problems on offense in the fourth, as Opone continued to pile up points, adding eight more and Ernie Moises chipped in six.

Meanwhile, the open division game between Noni Saipan and New City International Construction was rained-out at halftime and was scheduled to resume last night.

Noni Saipan was ahead, 55-39, when the game was halted. A victory over NCIC will end Noni's two-game losing skid and will put them in the win column. Noni Saipan lost to Saipan Fresh Market and defending champion Diamond Ali'i and its game against IT&E was also rained-out with 1:53 left in overtime.

Diamond is leading the open division with its clean 3-0 slate.

Ebisuya 96 – Opone 21, Abedes 13, Casabuena 11, Olivos 10, Moises 10, Abuan 8, Viola 6, Morales, Santos 2.

GEC Pawnshop 71 – Villegas 13, Illahi 12, Ocampo 10, Macoto 10, Vargas 8, Alipio 6, Yalung 6, Salazar 3, David 2, Villanueva 1.

Scoring by quarters: 14-19, 37-34, 61-57, 86-71.

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Ada (3,642); Pohang's Im Hyun Woo (3,559); Quezon City's Jay Ar Tan (3,522); Tamuning's Brian Manibusan (3,510); Daegu's Bae Wu Wook (3,476) and Shun Sung Hoon (3,468); Hong Kong's Lau Kwan Ho (3,454); Quezon City's Louie Chuaquico (3,325); Hong Kong's Michael Chan Yatw Long (3,297); Taipei's Wang Kuah-Yu (3,272); and Victoria's Alex Li Siu Tsan (3,086).

In the women's masters, Liza Clutario of Paranque topped the field with her 3,748 pinfalls, good for a 224.8 average. Teammate Lara Posadas was second with her 3,719 with Tamuning's Felymar Mandapat finishing third with her 3,678.

Pohang's Kim Hee Jung (3,634), Paranque's Cecilia Yap (3,609), Tamuning's Sharee Javier (3,568), Shan Alam's Yap Wi Yin (3,540), Pohang's Yoon Jun Sil (3,439), Daegu's Choi Hyung Yeon (3,373), Pasay's Ditas Red (3,364), Shah Alam's Chay Poh Lai (3,189), Pasay's Sheena Angeli Go (3,145) and Angeli Lao (3,139), Tamuning' Leanne Rankin (3,134), Pasay's Yap Seok Kim (3,106), and Daegu's Kim Eun Sook (2,983) make up the rest of the women's masters participants.

Manacop was joined in the trip to Guam by Team Saipan teammates Kitz Barja, Percy Omechalang, and Alex Castro, Team Capital Hill's Raymond and Raphael Zapanta, Raymond Angeles, and Jared Gutierrez, and the women's team made up of Elsa "Gigi" Zapanta, Diane Camacho, Emi Williams, and Gloria Omechalang.

Saipan Bowling Association Jerry Tan and team manager Ross Zapanta accompanied the Saipan delegation to the U.S. territory.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	12	4	.750	—
Toronto	7	10	.412	5 1/2
Philadelphia	5	11	.313	7
New York	3	13	.188	9
New Jersey	0	16	.000	12

Southeast Division

Orlando	13	4	.765	—
Atlanta	12	4	.750	1/2
Miami	9	6	.600	3
Charlotte	7	9	.438	5 1/2
Washington	5	10	.333	7

Central Division

Cleveland	12	5	.706	—
Milwaukee	8	7	.533	3
Chicago	6	8	.429	4 1/2
Indiana	6	8	.429	4 1/2
Detroit	5	11	.313	6 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

Dallas	12	5	.706	—
San Antonio	8	6	.571	2 1/2
Houston	8	8	.500	3 1/2
New Orleans	7	9	.438	4 1/2
Memphis	6	10	.375	5 1/2

Northwest Division

Denver	12	4	.750	—
Portland	12	7	.632	1 1/2
Oklahoma City	9	7	.563	3
Utah	9	7	.563	3
Minnesota	1	15	.063	11

Pacific Division

Phoenix	13	3	.813	—
L.A. Lakers	12	3	.800	1/2
Sacramento	7	8	.467	5 1/2
L.A. Clippers	7	10	.412	6 1/2
Golden State	5	10	.333	7 1/2

Yesterday's Games

Charlotte 92, Washington 76
Cleveland 111, Dallas 95
Utah 108, Portland 92
Orlando 100, Milwaukee 98
L.A. Lakers 130, Golden State 97

NBA LEADERS

Scoring

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Anthony, DEN	16	167	148	495	30.9
Bryant, LAL	14	160	96	422	30.1
James, CLE	16	160	125	471	29.4
Durant, OKC	16	150	124	440	27.5
Wade, MIA	15	131	127	407	27.1
Nowitzki, DAL	16	148	126	434	27.1
Bosh, TOR	17	139	143	427	25.1
Granger, IND	13	102	76	322	24.8
Ellis, GOL	14	133	54	328	23.4
Jennings, MIL	14	116	53	316	22.6
Johnson, ATL	16	132	58	347	21.7
Arenas, WAS	14	100	73	296	21.1
Gay, MEM	16	129	67	337	21.1
Harrington, NYK	16	114	71	325	20.3
Kaman, LAC	17	139	65	343	20.2
Pierce, BOS	16	105	79	320	20.0
Stoudemire, PHX	16	119	80	318	19.9
Gordon, DET	15	102	69	297	19.8
Roy, POR	18	121	91	356	19.8
Bynum, LAL	12	95	46	236	19.7

FG Percentage

	FG	FGA	PCT
Gasol, MEM	88	139	.633
Oden, POR	84	133	.632
Howard, ORL	92	147	.626
Perkins, BOS	70	113	.619
Hilario, DEN	87	143	.608
Paul, NOR	85	143	.594
Bynum, LAL	95	164	.579
Stoudemire, PHX	119	207	.575
O'Neal, MIA	85	150	.567
Bogut, MIL	65	115	.565

Rebounds

	G	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG
Bosh, TOR	17	61	142	203	11.9
Howard, ORL	16	60	128	188	11.8
Noah, CHI	14	56	108	164	11.7
Wallace, CHA	15	33	142	175	11.7
Duncan, SAN	12	34	101	135	11.3
Bynum, LAL	12	42	89	131	10.9
Gasol, MEM	16	48	124	172	10.8
Boozer, UTA	15	32	126	158	10.5
Haywood, WAS	14	63	84	147	10.5
Camby, LAC	17	36	133	169	9.9

Assists

	G	AST	AVG
Nash, PHX	16	189	11.8
Williams, UTA	13	124	9.5
Paul, NOR	10	92	9.2
Rondo, BOS	16	142	8.9
Kidd, DAL	16	142	8.9
James, CLE	16	124	7.8
B. Davis, LAC	17	121	7.1
Westbrook, OKC	16	110	6.9
Calderon, TOR	17	109	6.4
Arenas, WAS	14	88	6.3

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LOCAL SCORES

PILCOWA STANDINGS

Open

Diamond	3	0
IT&E	1	0
Saipan Fresh	1	1
Noni Saipan	0	2
NCIC	0	2

Masters

Ebisuya	4	0
Wushin	1	1
University of Loyola	1	1
GEC	1	2
Cool Water	0	3

The Week in Sports

Sports keep buzzing for second week

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CNMI athletes still had their hands full last week.

A week after mixed martial arts fighters put on show in a grapping tournament at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium, they moved to the Taga Hall of Saipan World Resort for Gorilla Warfare MMA's "Confrontation."

"Confrontation" featured 11 bouts, including the first title belt fight between Tinian's Keli Manglona and Saipan's Syl "The Deal" Teregeyo. Manglona won the middleweight title belt after beating Manglona via tapout at the 2:53 mark of the first round.

Also scoring a first-round win was Guam's Jon "Super Saiyan" Tuck, who knocked down Philippines' Eduard "The Landslide" Folayang after only eight seconds in their main event bout.

Other winners in "Confrontation" were Jay "Tabby" Muna, Lionel Borja, Derrick Augenbaugh, Kelvin "The Big Hit" Fitial, Nate Flores, and Charles "The Predator" Aiken.

Over at the CPA Airport Field, Northern Marianas Athletics concluded its series of cross country series and honored top schools and individuals in various age groups.

Four days after the cross country finale, NMA hosted another running event with the staging of the 24th Annual Mt. Tapochao Thanksgiving Day Run. Ketson "Jack" Kabiriel and Mamiko Oshima-Berge emerged the top overall finishers in the men's and women's division behind their record-breaking runs.

From running, we moved to tennis, which was played from the southern to the northern part of the island, as Guam and CNMI netters saw action at Pacific Islands Club, Hyatt Regency Saipan, Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan, and American Memorial Park courts.

In these four venues, 13 stood tall and won in the first weekend of the Inaugural Tan Holdings Tennis Classic.

More action happened in the northern portion of the island as the REM Centre in Gualo Rai hosted the 2009 Traders Insurance Badminton Team Tournament.

The third edition of the annual tournament the Northern Marianas Badminton Association is organizing featured six teams, namely Katipuneros, Star Aces, TNT Bombers, Magnum Smashers, Sizzlers, and Air Benders.

In Garapan where the JP Centre Basketball Court is located, upset was the theme of the week as Saipan Fresh Market and Diamond Ali'I handed PIL-COWA caging favorite Noni Saipan back-to-back losses.

Still in basketball, Department of Community and Cultural Affairs booked the last playoffs ticket after surviving the wild-card phase of the government/business caging. DCCA first won over Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighters, then against Commonwealth Health Center, and finally over Bank of Guam to advance to the eight-team playoff round.

Only the Top 5 boats were recognized in the 2009 Wahoo Jackpot Derby. Leading the list was the boat captained by Francisco Reyes, who with anglers Brian Reyes and Nick Muna caught a 37.45-lb. wahoo in Goat Island.

While CNMI athletes were busy doing a show in their own turf, there were three teams from the Commonwealth that went to Guam for separate tournaments.

Saipan Southern Sonics and Rollers Basketball Club competed in the 3rd Annual Barrigada MPC Thanksgiving Invitational Tournament.

The Sonics played better than the RBC team in the boys' 16-and-under competition, as the former finished third out of nine teams and had a 3-1 record in the elimination round. RBC did not make it to the Top 5.

CNMI bowlers were also in Guam for the 23rd Asian Intercity Bowling Championships. The Saipan Bowling Association sent 10 players in Guam and had Simon Manacop as its best performer in the annual tournament. Manacop finished 10th in singles, seventh in doubles (with Kitz Barja), and eighth in masters first block.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Brian Reyes shows off the 37.45-lb. wahoo he, captain Francisco Reyes, and fellow crewmember Nick Muna caught by Goat Island in last Saturday's 2009 Wahoo Jackpot Derby.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Bank of Guam's Randy Pelisamen is up against a phalanx of DCCA defenders during their playoff game in the government/business caging at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Jake Lee, left, and Danny Auther near the finish line of the 24th Annual Mt. Tapochao Thanksgiving Day Run.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Noni Saipan's Glenn Aquino, left, and Saipan Fresh's Leo Factor battle for the loose ball during their game in the PIL-COWA caging last week at the JP Centre Basketball Court.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
The Star Aces won the best in uniform contest during the opening of the 2009 Traders Insurance Badminton Team Tournament at REM Centre in Gualo Rai.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Two fighters in Gorilla Warfare MMA's "Confrontation" slug it out during the first round of their bout at the Royal Taga Hall of the Saipan World Resort.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Runners in the 18-and-under age group negotiate the grassy course in the 2009 All Schools Cross Country Championship at the CPA Airport Field.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Participants in the 10-and-under doubles event of the Inaugural Tan Holdings Tennis Classic pose for a group photo after their game at the AMP tennis courts.

Sports keep buzzing for second week

A week after mixed martial arts fighters put on show in a grapping tournament at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium, they moved to the Taga Hall of Saipan World Resort for Gorilla Warfare MMA's "Confrontation." 27

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James, Williams lead Cavaliers over Mavs

Mo Williams made 7 of 7 3-point attempts, LeBron James scored 25 points with 12 assists and the Cleveland Cavaliers rebounded from a lackluster loss in Charlotte by beating the road-tested Dallas Mavericks 111-95 on Saturday night. 24

Guam netters top men's open doubles

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The Inaugural Tan Holdings Tennis Classic concluded yesterday after Guam and Saipan netters traded volleys and serves for two weeks.

The two-weekend tournament had its last match featuring the CNMI's Jeff Race and Ji Hoon Heo going up against Guam's Torgun Smith and Wendell Roden in the men's open doubles yesterday at the American Memorial Park tennis courts.

The two teams split the first two sets with Race and Heo winning the first set, 6-4, and the Guam tandem taking the second set, 6-3. Smith and Roden had to forfeit the third set, as they had to catch their flight back home. However, the Guam tandem still took the men's doubles title by virtue of its highest percentage of sets won against sets loss.

The Guam pair also defeated Peter Loyola and Kirk Schuler in straight sets on Saturday, 6-3, 6-4, thus the visitors needed to win only one set to claim the title in the round-robin men's doubles open. Schuler and Loyola topped Heo and Race also on Saturday night.

Other adults doubles winner were Joel Jang and Mr. Lee (men's 3.0), Guam's Jamie Lai and Masashi Shinkawa (men's 4.0), Lee Dong Min and Lope Padilla (men's 40), Bonnie Decena and Gemma Lee Eugenio (women's 2.0), Theecel and Thea Minor (women's 4.0), Lydia Tan and Sally Lee (women's 40), Thea Minor and Cleofe Santos (women's open), and Sakiko Eda and Yuri Hatamata (women's 3.0).

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Guam's Masashi Shinkawa, right, and Jamie Lai in action during their semis match against Tinian's Rolando and Sonny Decena in the men's 4.0 doubles division of the Inaugural Tan Holdings Tennis Classic on Saturday at the American Memorial Park tennis courts.

Ebisuya sweeps masters' first round

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Ebisuya swept its first-round assignments in the masters division, following an 86-71 triumph over GEC Pawnshop during their game in the 2009 PILCOWA Basketball League on Saturday at the JP Centre Basketball Court.

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Ebisuya's Ed Santos goes for a layup during their game against GEC Pawnshop in the masters division of the PILCOWA caging on Saturday at the JP Centre Basketball Court.

Suarez, Agbanlog lead winners in 'ISK8'

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Around 30 skateboarders put on a show in the Island SK8 Society's skateboard competition held at the Saipan Skate Park in Middle Road on Saturday.

The afternoon affair, which run from 3pm to 6pm, had competitions in six categories and produced two participants winning two events each. They were Paul Suarez and Jun Agbanlog.

Suarez ruled the freestyle Sk8Park final in the 11 to 15 age group, getting 7.6 points from the judges' scorecards. He beat Angelo Guerena and Charles Baritista, who garnered 7.57 and 7.5 points, respectively.

Other Top 3 finishers in the 16-and-above age group in the freestyle Sk8-Park final were Corey Llagas (9.13 points), Dan Westphal (8.1), and Kevin Jardinero (7.6).

Suarez's second victory came in the game of S-K-A-T-E where he out-

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A participant in the Island SK8 Society's skateboard competition held at the Saipan Skate Park in Middle Road on Saturday warms-up before the freestyle Sk8Park category.

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Simon settles for eighth as masters concludes

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Simon Manacop of Team Saipan maintained his eighth place standing as the men's masters category of the 23rd Asian Intercity Bowling Championships concluded Friday at the Central Lanes in Tamuning, Guam.

Manacop

After knocking down 1,776 in the first block Thursday, the Department of Public Safety detective fired a 1,692 in the second block, plus a 50-pinfall bonus, for a 16-game total of 3,518, which was good for a 214.25 average.

Manacop was 486 pins short of runaway men's masters champion Choi Suk Byung of Daegu. Choi came away with a whopping pinfall total of 4,004, giving him an eye-popping average of 244.

J.D. Castro of host Tamuning finished a far second with 3,739 pinfalls, followed by teammate Jonathan Duenas and Daegu's Kim Young Pyo with scores of 3,719 and 3,712, respectively.

The rest of the participants in the men's masters, with their scores in parenthesis, are as follows: Tamuning's John John

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